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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Nazi retreat from Budapest:** Hungarian officials and foreign diplomats on Friday commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Nazi retreat from Budapest, gathering on the spot where Nazis executed hundreds of political prisoners. Jews and resistance fighters as Soviet troops besieged the city in the final months of World War II.

Hungary was a Germany ally during the war, but the Nazis invaded the country in early 1944, forcing Hungarian officials planned to strike a peace agreement with the Allies.

Soviet forces advancing from the east entered Budapest in January 1945 and took full control of the city on Feb. 13.

**Serb war crimes fugitive:** The wife of Bosnia's top war crimes fugitive, Radovan Karadzic, told a Bosnian Serb daily newspaper Friday she thinks her husband will never surrender to the U.N. war crimes tribunal.

"No one from our family can make that decision and tell Radovan to surrender," Ljiljana Zelen-Karadzic told Nezavisne Novine daily. "I think he will never surrender."

As the wartime leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Karadzic, 58, is accused of having masterminded — together with former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic — Bosnia's 1992-95 war, which took 260,000 lives and left 1.8 million people homeless.

**Madikizela-Mandela appeal:** The High Court in Pretoria, South Africa, dismissed an appeal Friday by Winnie Madikizela-Mandela and broker Addy Moolman of their fraud convictions.

Madikizela-Mandela, the fiery anti-apartheid leader and ex-wife of former President Nelson Mandela, and Moolman had sought leave to approach the Supreme Court of Appeal to challenge their April 2003 convictions.

But Judge Eberhardt Bertelsmann ruled that another court was unlikely to come to a different conclusion.

Madikizela-Mandela was originally convicted on 43 counts of fraud and 25 of theft and sentenced to five years in prison with one suspended. Moolman was convicted of 58 counts of fraud and 25 of theft and sentenced to seven years in prison with two years suspended.

**Pope's health:** Pope John Paul II, back from the hospital but still frail, sent a message of support to the sick on Friday, saying

he feels especially close with them and asking for their prayers.

The pope's letter was read at Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City for the Church's World Day of the Sick. Before falling ill with the flu and breathing problems last week, the pontiff had planned to attend.

The 84-year-old pope sent out greetings especially to the ailing, "with whom I feel particularly close," said the message.

"Your suffering is never useless, dear sick ones," the pope's message said. Pain is precious, he said, because it has a mysterious link to Christ's trial on the cross.

## Nation

**Sheik terror trial:** An FBI informant who set himself on fire in front of the White House will be called as a witness for the defense of a Yemeni sheik accused of aiding Hamas and al-Qaida, defense attorneys said Friday in New York.

Lawyers for Sheikh Mohammed Ali Hasan al-Moayad and his assistant said they have subpoenaed Mohamed Alanssi, who helped build the FBI's case by posing as the go-between for al-Moayad and another informant playing an American Muslim who wanted help funneling millions of dollars to terrorists.

**Severed arms death:** A man whose wife is accused of killing the couple's child by cutting off the infant's arms showed a disturbing lack of emotion after the baby's death, saying he felt "a little melancholy," according to a psychologist's report.

The report, which was obtained by The Dallas Morning News, also said John Schlosser should have done more to protect his children from his mentally ill wife.

Psychologist Jana R. Long evaluated Schlosser to help determine whether his surviving daughters, ages 6 and 9, should live with him. A judge had sealed the report last month.

**Day care center murder:** A Detroit man was found guilty of first-degree murder Thursday in the beating death of his 3-year-old daughter during an attack on her day care center.

The jury also convicted Bernard Kelly, 37, of shooting the day-care operator and her niece, who were both critically wounded.

Prosecutors said Kelly came to the in-home day care center run by Annette Rice on Sept. 28, inquiring about services, and attacked Rice and her niece, Sherita Griggs, before beating his daughter, Stefanie Belue, to

death. They said he killed the girl because he did not want to pay child support.

**Terror funding:** A federal court jury Thursday found a Muslim physician guilty of running an illegal charity that defrauded donors and conspiring to violate U.S. sanctions by sending money to Iraq.

After deliberating six days in Syracuse, N.Y., the U.S. District Court jury convicted Dr. Rafil Dhafir on 59 counts that also included tax evasion and Medicare fraud. He was charged of one money laundering charge.

Dhafir, 57, an oncologist from the Syracuse suburb of Manlius, will be sentenced June 20.

**Nurse charged in deaths:** The capital murder trial of a former nurse accused in a string of hospital deaths will be moved and delayed a few weeks because of a lack of unbiased potential jurors in Archer County, Texas, attorneys said Thursday.

Jury selection was to begin Thursday in the trial of Vickie Dawn Jackson, 38. She is charged with injecting elderly patients with lethal drug doses at Nocona General Hospital in late 2000 and early 2001, killing 10 and injuring another.

But after reviewing questionnaires filled out by 111 potential jurors, prosecutors and defense attorneys said that about 70 people thought Jackson was guilty or had other reasons they couldn't serve.

Instead of questioning potential jurors Thursday, both sides agreed to a change of venue and hope the trial can be held in a couple of weeks.

**Terror charge against lawyer:** Veteran civil rights lawyer Lynne Stewart has vowed to fight her conviction on terrorism charges. But her case has already left some of her colleagues on New York's legal scene uneasy.

"It's a dark day for civil liberties and for civil liberties lawyers in this country," attorney Ron Kuby said on Thursday after the verdict in federal court in Manhattan. Kuby, who briefly represented Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman after the sheik's 1993 arrest — said the verdict was a "terrible message to send at a time when we need civil rights lawyers more than ever."

Convicted of conspiracy, providing material support to terrorists, defrauding the government and making false statements, a tearful Stewart insisted she did nothing wrong after taking over Abdel-Rahman's case and representing him until her arrest in 2002.

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# Curfew calms streets, riles civilians

## Many say USFK's restrictions on their whereabouts uncalled for

BY TERI WEAVER

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Thomas Ungleich is facing three weeks of unpaid leave because he neither wants nor, he believes, deserves.

Ungleich, 58, a Defense Department worker with the 7th Air Force at Osan Air Base, is in trouble at work for something he did out of the office.

He stayed out too late.

In early December, Ungleich broke curfew, a U.S. Forces Korea rule requiring all U.S. military members, government workers and private contractors — and their families — to be at home, at work or at an on-base activity between midnight and 5 a.m. daily.

"I was out, there's no question," said Ungleich, an Army reservist who has worked in South Korea for more than 14 years.

Questions about the curfew abound among the 5,000 civilian workers here like Ungleich.

No other overseas military post, including those in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan, has a curfew policy that puts civilian workers under the same restrictions as military members, according to Department of Defense spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Greg Hicks.

USFK commander Gen. Leon J. LaPorte amended the ongoing curfew for servicemembers in September in response to a State Department warning that cautioned all U.S. citizens in South Korea about potential rioting and violence against Americans. USFK officials have said. On Friday, USFK and Army judge advocate officials said the State Department warning was only one of several force-protection and readiness reasons to change the curfew hours in September to 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., LaPorte lessened that restriction a few weeks later to the current timeframe of midnight to 5 a.m.

That is unique, say workers with decades of both military and government experience, is LaPorte's decision to broaden the curfew restrictions to include contractors, people whose pay-

checks come from private companies but whose workloads depend on the military.

USFK officials on Friday said including civilians into the curfew requirement reflects today's evolving military force. USFK relies on private computer analysts as well as trained gunnery soldiers to prepare for war, according to LaPorte's chief spokeswoman, Col. MaryAnn Cummings.

Yet USFK officials couldn't say this week whether the September announcement was the first time contractors were included in the curfew policy.

The curfew certainly feels new for much of the civilian workforce here, contract workers say. And in the past five months, those workers have grown increasingly angry and aware that directions from a four-star general can affect their social lives and job security.

### A special mission

Military officials say the policy is special because USFK's mission is special.

The U.S. military here is charged with enforcing an armistice, a 51-year-old peace agreement between North and South Korea. That, combined with the constant concern of terror threats since Sept. 11, 2001, compels the military to take extra precautions to ensure "force protection," a military term dictating that troops remain both safe and ready to fight, according to USFK.

"We are different than any other place in the world," said Lt. Col. Chad McKee, chief of operations for the Provost Marshal's Office with the 94th Military Police Battalion in Seoul. "Curfew is an absolute readiness issue. We're 40 kilometers (about 25 miles) from somebody we've been conflicted with all the time."

McCallum put it another way: "We are still, technically, in a state of war."

That explanation carries little weight with workers who have worked here for years without a curfew — or under one neither ad-



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**Stg. Gregory King watches the crowd Friday night at the King Club in Itaewon, a neighborhood next to Yongsan Garrison in Seoul. King is part of the 8th Army's courtesy patrol, a group of non-armed soldiers who check bars at night to look for underage drinkers and USFK personnel who might be breaking the midnight-to-5 a.m. curfew enacted five months ago.**

vertised nor enforced — and who now feel frustrated by a policy that for many began in the midst of their time in South Korea.

Stars and Stripes' interviews with military officials and civilian workers have shown there is considerable confusion and resentment over the policy, for these reasons:

■ **Enforcement is scattered and**

uneven. Military police have no jurisdiction over civilian or private-contract workers while off-base, say military officials including McKee with the Provost Marshal's office. Instead, U.S. officers patrol streets with Korean National Police officers who can stop and question foreigners. Not every off-base area allows these patrols, said Col. Timothy McNulty, Area

II commander who oversees installations in the Seoul area. Although military officials are working to expand the patrols to some parts of Seoul and Pyongyang are watched closely while many other areas go unchecked.

■ **No specific guidelines for sanctions for contract workers exist under the current policy,** USFK officials say. When it comes to contract violations, some offenders may get verbal warnings, said Col. John Arrigo, a deputy judge advocate with the military in Korea. But others, such as Ungleich, have been hit with unpaid leave or threat of job loss. Some, including Osan contractor James Johnson, say they didn't know military officials had taken their names for breaking curfew until they returned to work and heard from their bosses.

■ **Aspects of the policy remain unclear.** USFK officials say each civilian or contract worker has the opportunity to request exceptions to the policy for social or family needs. More than a dozen workers interviewed for this story in the past two months indicated they didn't know that. Instead, they pointed to a small stack of orders that have come out in past weeks that describe the curfew's hours and approved after-hour locations, such as home, work or on-base activities. Also, some civilian workers have questioned whether the curfew applies to their Korean-citizen spouses. It does not, McCallum told Stripes Friday — but nowhere do those written orders state that such a rule exists.

"We're forced to live off-base," Ungleich said. "It's not like the G.I. who lives on base. That's a military readiness issue. I don't think they've got a legal basis" for the civilian curfew.

USFK officials say they do. The Pentagon gives military leaders, including LaPorte, the authority to create rules for servicemembers and civilian workers to ensure their safety, according to 1996 and 2000 Department of Defense directives.

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# Military admits policy is hard to enforce, but still necessary

SEOUL — U.S. Forces Korea officials say they understand the complaints about the current curfew policy and its constraints on life after the workday is done.

They also say both servicemembers and civilians volunteered as a part of the military. That offer of service and work involves restrictions, including the daily requirement that all servicemembers, workers and contractors associated with USFK comply with a midnight-to-5 a.m. curfew.

Yet enforcement of that requirement is not so clear-cut because U.S. military personnel cannot directly enforce the curfew off-base, U.S. military officials have said.

"We don't have jurisdiction over civilians off-base," said Lt. Col. McKee, chief of operations for the Provost Marshal's Office with the 94th Military Police Battalion in Seoul. Instead, the military police rely on Korean National Police to help spot curfew violators, then contact civilian and contract bosses to help levy punishments.

Here's how the process works, according to USFK:

Military police make off-base rounds at night with a South Korean police officer, an official who legally can question and ask an American civilian for identification. If the civilian refuses, charges for noncompliance from the Korean official are possible, McKee said.

An MP will sometimes opt to ask a Defense Department worker or contractor to leave home rather than file formal paperwork, information that is routed to the person's boss, McKee said.

"By and large, folks are compliant," he said. "By and large, our soldiers are doing the right thing."

Ben Keller sees it differently. Keller, a civilian project manager with the 41st Signal Battalion, had been in Korea since 2000. In December, he moved back to New Jersey to accept a promotion. Before he left Seoul, Keller, 55, recounted how he ran afoul of the curfew patrol.

USFK officials declined to comment on specifics about Keller's case, but an MP re-

port Keller provided Stripes says he was drunk and disorderly and at an off-limits bar after midnight. The report is unclear on what charges he faces but does state he was given written notice for breaking curfew.

Keller said he felt the military could do little to enforce the rule. "The worst case is they send me home," he said as movers packed his house for his return to New Jersey. "I'm going home angry."

While McKee did not answer questions about Keller's case, he did discuss general enforcement of the curfew, which largely depends on civilians' supervisors.

Others interviewed indicate USFK's enforcement of the curfew among civilian and contract workers has varied in the past three months. In December, McKee said his MPs were issuing show-cause letters to the people who broke curfew. That same month, his office told Stripes that 26 show-cause letters had been issued to civilians during the last seven days in September.

That practice has been abandoned in re-

cent weeks, and USFK no longer tracks how many civilians are caught breaking curfew, the top military judge advocate in South Korea, Col. Daniel F. McCallum, and USFK's press center told Stripes on Friday. Now, offenders receive a verbal warning, USFK officials said.

Regardless, notice of the curfew violation goes to the person's boss, McCallum said Friday. It's up to the employer to decide whether there's punishment, he said.

McCallum said Friday that to his knowledge, no one has been fired or removed from South Korea because of the curfew. Still, for some, the policy has caused significant tensions at work.

In November, for example, about James Johnson's late night found its way back to his boss. Johnson, a contractor at Osan, was drinking after hours in Songtan just before Thanksgiving. McKee first learned of Johnson's case, but he tried simply to ignore the questions, he said.

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# Curfew: Officials say policy tied to readiness, risk

**CURFEW, FROM PAGE 3**

Additionally, contract and civilian workers are in the country as part of the status of forces agreement between the United States and South Korea. The SOFA stamp in each worker's passport is a privilege, military officials say, that can come with added hardships.

## Not buying it

It's not unusual for the military to require its own members to be home at a certain time, and servicemen in South Korea have been under various curfews since long before the Sept. 11 terror attacks, according to USFK's public affairs office.

On Sept. 24 last year, LaPorte amended the curfew's time to 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. in response to an advisory the previous day from the State Department, citing an increased threat against Americans abroad, his press office has said. Civilian and contract workers interviewed by Stripes say that is the first time they can recall being told what time they needed to be home. That Sept. 23 notice, "Heightened Risk of Demonstrations and Terrorist Action Against Americans," warned that targets might include civilians and "facilities where U.S. citizens and other foreigners congregate — including residential areas, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, schools."

Despite the September warning notice, some of the workers note,

no curfews currently are in place for workers at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. Embassy officials and workers are not covered by SOFA — but like other Americans in South Korea, are among the intended audience for State Department travel warnings. None have been issued for Americans visiting South Korea, the embassy's press office confirmed in January.

Civilian workers interviewed in the past few weeks say they believe the policy comes from the military's efforts to discourage soldiers and other Americans from hiring prostitutes, a practice that can support human trafficking.

"It's implied we were responsible for the human trafficking," said Richard Boyce, a retired Army soldier who now works as a prevention coordinator for the Army Substance Abuse Program at Yongsan Garrison. "That's what I think it's about."

## David Baum

Department of Defense worker, Yongsan Garrison

have said the effort to curb prostitution is separate from the curfew policy. Further, McCullum cautioned against trying to select one factor — even a State Department warning — as the sole reason for the curfew policy. He said the justification for the curfew comes with a combination of intelligence and readiness issues that LaPorte weighs each day.

"Trying to tie this to one reason ... it's too simplistic," McCullum said. "It's wrong."

It's an argument that's hard for

some to swallow.

No one interviewed disagrees with LaPorte's "zero tolerance" stance about prostitution and human trafficking. But the curfew stretches the argument of "force protection" beyond reason, the workers say.

"It's house arrest," said David Baum, 56, a Department of Defense worker at Yongsan Garrison. "It's disruptive to our normal lives."

"It's a loss of personal freedom," said Richard Chaffin, 34, a private analyst for the Air Force at Osan. "I would not have come back to Korea if I had known there was going to be a curfew. People are going to leave. The proverbial writing is on the wall."

## Answers elusive

The dissatisfaction voiced by the workers is compounded by confusion over how the curfew works and how it could affect them. They've been searching for answers — through e-mail, commanders, letters to the editor and to Congress, conversations with bosses and a newly created Web site about the curfew. So far, they say, officials have offered little clarification.

Jeff Schulman, 22, a contracted computer analyst at Yongsan Garrison, didn't go out on New Year's Eve because he didn't want to break curfew.

Jay Diem, another contractor at Yongsan, spent much of the fall and winter risking curfew violations when he coached adult-league ice hockey at night in Seoul.

Chaffin, the analyst at Osan, normally gets off work at 11:15 p.m. By the time he reaches home, he can't go to the local Korean market

for groceries, he said. Others complain about missed late-night off-base church services or family gatherings at South Korean households that are cut short.

Not everyone, however, is complaining. At least one U.S. worker in South Korea recalls one other overseas base where military officials asked civilian workers to be home early.

Dr. Kathleen Barbee, the principal of Seoul American High School at Yongsan Garrison, remembers being under curfew while working Germany during the first Gulf War. She encourages her staff to keep to the curfew, she said during a Dec. 15 phone interview. "We follow the guidelines as best we can," she said.

Sometimes, civilians say, that means making the best guess possible about what's allowed. For instance, Charlie Smith, 50, another Yongsan contractor, wonders whether his South Korean wife can leave the house after midnight.

"Now you're telling me a Korean national who is married to a contractor, that she can't be out in her own country?" he asked. "Do I have the authority to tell another citizen they can't go downtown?"

McCullum said Friday that USFK is not trying to tell Korean citizens when to be home. If a person is in South Korea for reasons outside of USFK's mission — a tourist, a teacher, a South Korean citizen — then, he said, the curfew does not apply.

McCullum added that the policy is reviewed regularly, and leaders actually considered rescinding it for the Jan. 1 New Year's holiday. In the end, 8th Army commander Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell issued a general order Dec. 29 approving travel after midnight for people attending an "on-installation activi-

ty" or an "installation-sponsored" event.

Dave Garbe, 41, a private analyst who works at Yongsan and lives in Souptan, interpreted that memo — issued two days before New Year's Eve — this way: "As long as you bring your money to the Dragon Hill, you can travel after curfew."

There is some relief in the system, a few have found. Diem, the contractor who plays hockey, was awarded a reprieve a few weeks ago for his late-night sports schedule. But he's still mad that he had to go.

"I am glad that Gen. Campbell saw the logic in my request and signed it," Diem wrote in an e-mail to Stripes on Friday. But he's angry, he said, over being barred from impromptu travels throughout the peninsula. "Just two nights ago I had to tell my in-laws that I, along with my Korean wife, needed to leave their house because of the curfew."

Ungleich, the government worker facing the three-week suspension, is trying to appeal his punishment. He fully admits being out late on Dec. 5 and admits that two different patrol groups questioned him after midnight that night.

"Yet he questions the process. 'I've got 30 years total government service and I've never had any disciplinary action,'" Ungleich said. As of this week, he still awaited a response to an appeal to his suspension.

"I think it's just silly. The problem is, there's nothing we can do. We don't have courts. We don't have lawyers. There's no due process. We're just on our own."

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# Policy: Enforcement, punishment prove uneven

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The tactic didn't work.

"I came to work Monday morning and my boss said, 'What did you do?' recalled Johnson, 44, an air traffic controller. In return, he was placed on a 90-day probationary period at work.

USFK officials repeatedly have said they have the authority to en-

force the curfew. They cite Department of Defense directives from 1996 and 2000 that state a commander can set policy based on protecting civilian and contract workers.

Still, enforcing U.S. rules on U.S. citizens on foreign soil is tricky, military officials admit.

The joint patrols with U.S. MPs

and South Korean police occur near Osan Air Base and in Incheon, the foreigner-friendly neighborhood just outside Yongsan Garrison in Seoul. But officials in other parts of Seoul don't allow the patrols, according to Col. Timothy McNulty, the Area II commander who oversees installations in the Seoul area.

The disparity means more and more soldiers and civilians are heading for different areas of Seoul, such as the Hong-ik University area, McNulty and others say.

McNulty said last month he was working with South Korean police to add patrols to other Seoul neighborhoods.

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# Skipper in sub grounding faces admiral's mast

BY JON R. ANDERSON

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The skipper of the nuclear-powered submarine that crashed into the side of an undersea mountain is quietly being sent before an "admiral's mast" in Japan this weekend to face charges of endangering his ship, according to several active-duty and retired Navy sources familiar with the case.

Cmdr. Kevin Mooney was slated to appear before 7th Fleet commander Vice Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert in Yokosuka on Saturday morning, the sources said.

The Navy's highest form of non-judicial punishment, admiral's mast falls short of the criminal proceedings of a court martial, but can result in anything from full exoneration to fines, reprimands, and loss of qualifications.

Publicly, Navy officials decline to comment on Mooney's case.

"It would be inappropriate to discuss any nonjudicial punishment proceedings at this time," said Greenert's spokesman, Cmdr. Ike Skelton.

On Jan. 18, the San Francisco, a Los Angeles-class, fast-attack submarine, is believed to have rammed into an undersea mountain 350 nautical miles south of its homeport at Guam. One sailor was killed and another 23 injured in the incident.

The sub suffered massive damage to its sonar dome and bow structure, but was able to limp back to Guam where it is now in dry dock. Navy officials are still unsure if the sub can be salvaged.



Mooney

Mooney's mast, however, comes before the detailed investigation into the accident is complete. And unlike most nonjudicial

punishment throughout the rest of the military, sailors from sea-going commands cannot refuse mast and demand a court-martial.

At issue, say officials, is whether charts supplied to Mooney provided any clue of dangerous waters. Officials at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Bethesda, told reporters after the accident that the main maps used by the U.S. Navy did not reveal any obstacle anywhere near the sight of the crash.

Officials familiar with case, however, say another, much older chart was believed to be aboard the San Francisco indicating discolored water several miles away.



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**A source says Cmdr. Kevin Mooney is slated to appear before 7th Fleet commander Vice Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert in Yokosuka on Saturday morning in connection with the Jan. 8 grounding of the USS San Francisco, shown here in dry dock at U.S. Naval Base Guam.**

Early findings of the Navy's investigation appear to indicate some level of "questionable" practices by Mooney, according to a Feb. 7 letter obtained by Stars and Stripes to Greenert from the commander of Pacific submarine forces Rear Adm. P.F. Sullivan.

Preliminary findings of the grounding, reads the letter, "highlights the questionable Voyage Planning processes and navigation practices Cdr. Kevin Mooney implemented and maintained

while in command. He was responsible for the safe surfaced and submerged navigation of the ship, and should be held accountable."

Still, the vast majority of the three-page letter outlines Mooney's many accomplishments while in command of the San Francisco.

Sullivan said he had personally selected Mooney "to correct significant command climate and performance issues" aboard the ship.

Since taking command in late 2003, Sullivan said Mooney was directly responsible for transforming a down-in-the-dumps crew into one of the best in the fleet.

The ship, he wrote, got the highest marks of any Pacific submarine in a grueling Tactical Readiness Evaluation, among other top line certifications of its nuclear propulsion system and engineering departments.

Mooney's "operational planning skill and command presence ensured the ship's success in dynamic operations of vital importance to national security," adds Sullivan.

"In the face of huge quality-of-life challenges faced by his ship, including a five-month deployment to San Diego for material repairs and transforming Guam into a viable submarine homeport, retention and reenlistment rates significantly exceeded fleet norms" under Mooney, writes Sullivan.

"Despite the intense scrutiny under which he has been placed as a result of this tragedy, Cmdr. Mooney has conducted himself with honor and dignity. I ask that you consider his positive contributions to the U.S. Navy during your deliberations at Admiral's Mast."

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# Yokosuka teacher arrested after drug bust

BY HANA KUSUMOTO

Stars and Stripes

A Yokosuka Middle School teacher is in Japanese custody Friday after being arrested on suspicion of possessing and growing marijuana, a Yokosuka City Police spokesman said.

Daniel Haley was arrested on suspicion of violating the Cannabis Control Law on Wednesday, according to the spokesman. The police raided his off-base residence in

Osaka cho, Yokosuka City and found about a gram (about 0.04 ounce) of marijuana and a marijuana plant, the spokesman said.

According to Charles Steitz, spokesman for Department of Defense Dependents Schools Pacific, Haley, 37, has been a physical education teacher at the school for two years.

The police spokesman said police were given information that Haley was growing marijuana at home. Police would not com-

ment on when and how they acquired the information.

"We are concerned with the recent incident involving a DODDS Pacific teacher and are cooperating fully with the local officials during the investigation process," Steitz said. "We take this incident very seriously. We have directed leaders at the school to re-emphasize expected standards of behavior, both during and after school hours, through briefings and other means."

Steitz said DODDS schools are dedicat-

ed to preserving good relations with the local community. "DODDS Pacific seeks to hire and maintain a staff dedicated to the highest professional, ethical and law-abiding standards. We will continue to do whatever is possible to ensure our teachers live up to the high standards we expect of them."

The case was sent to the Yokohama District Public Prosecutor's Office on Friday.

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## Jazz festival on Guam

The public is invited to the Navy's free Sunset Jazz Festival at Guam's Polaris Point on Sunday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Navy's first-ever jazz festival features Pieces of a Dream, an ensemble jazz band from Philadelphia. The concert also includes local bands Fried Bananas and Caliente, Guam High School's jazz band and the Guam Jazz All Stars. Each band will play a 45-minute set.

Vendors will sell food and beverages. Guests may bring diaper bags, small camera bags, purses, umbrellas and folding chairs. Coolers, backpacks, glass containers and large bags are prohibited.

From staff reports



Courtesy of the American Consulate General in Sapporo

**Sailors from the Yokosuka, Japan-based USS John S. McCain help dig out a school Tuesday in Otaru, Japan.**

## McCain sailors lend helping hand on Hokkaido

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

Sailors from the USS John S. McCain paid a visit last week to Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, where they played a game of hoops with high school students and helped dig out a school for the mentally challenged from more than 6 feet of snow.

The stop in Otaru, Japan, a coastal city about 1½ hours north of Sapporo, was part of a scheduled port visit, according to 7th Fleet spokesman Chief Petty Officer Rick Chermittzer.

"The crew always enjoys opportunities to visit cities such as Otaru, and to experience the different regions of Japan, which is one of America's closest allies," Chermittzer said in a written statement.

The McCain, with 300 crewmembers on board, arrived Feb. 5 to begin four days of goodwill meetings, receptions and community-service activities, said a spokeswoman with the American Consulate General in Sapporo, which coordinated the ship's community outreach events in Otaru.

Their activities included a visit to Hokkaido International School, where the ship's basketball team, known as the "McCain Men," held a clinic for 12 members of the high-school boys' basketball team. The sailors and students also formed mixed teams and played a round robin half-court tournament and full-court championship game, according to the consulate spokeswoman, who said the students had anxiously awaited the ship team's visit because it offered them a rare opportunity to hone their skills.

"It was a good experience," said Hokkaido school team captain Ian Grose. "They are fast, strong, and big, unlike the Japanese students we usually play. We had to really focus."

A group of 25 enlisted sailors and officers from the McCain also helped remove snow from the roof and grounds of Wako Gakuen, a school for the mentally challenged. In some places, snow had accumulated to more than 6 feet and was partially blocking windows.

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Tom Philpott

## 'Unemployable' retirees still waiting for fully restored pay

Military retirees rated "unemployable" are unlikely to see retired pay fully restored under the "accelerated concurrent receipt" provision that Congress approved last fall.

After months of internal debate, the Department of Defense is nearing a final decision to limit full concurrent payments to 23,000 retirees who have disability ratings of 100 percent, an official said.

That would mean 28,000 retirees rated as "individuals unem-

ployable" (IU) will not see their retired pay fully restored immediately but rather will continue to see it phased in under a 10-year schedule set in 2003.

"Concurrent receipt" refers to payment of both military retirement, usually after 20 or more years' service, and VA disability pay for injuries or illnesses that occur while on active duty.

Until recently, all disabled retirees who completed full careers saw retired pay reduced, dollar-for-dollar, by any amount they

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received in tax-free VA compensation.

Congress a few years ago voted to end the retired pay offset for

combat-related disabilities, and to phase it out over a decade for retirees with noncombat disabilities of 50 percent or higher.

Last year, lawmakers relaxed the concurrent receipt ban further, voting to fully restore, effective Jan. 1, any offsets in retired pay for 100-percent disabled retirees.

Defense officials found the law's technical language vague, however, with regard to retirees rated as unemployable.

These retirees have disability

ratings below 100 percent but still they can't work. VA declares such disabilities "total" and provides compensation equal to that of 100-percent disabled retirees.

An armed services committee staff member put the odds of Congress voting to extend accelerated concurrent receipt to IU retirees later this year at "well below 50-50" if the issue, as expected, returns to Capitol Hill.

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## 2nd ID GIs stop kid from using grenade

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. troops from the 2nd Infantry Division foiled an attempt Thursday to coerce a child into accepting a hand grenade in the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, the U.S. command said.

The troops were on patrol when they saw a blue sedan with three military-aged males pull up near their position. The driver left the vehicle and approached a child, who took a grenade from the adult, a U.S. statement said.

The Americans fired a warning shot and the child dropped the grenade and ran away. The adult returned fire with a pistol, jumped into his vehicle and tried to escape.

U.S. troops disabled the vehicle, killing one and wounding two, the statement said.

The grenade never exploded and the child disappeared, the statement added.

"The incident demonstrates the ruthless disregard that the insurgency has for the citizens of Iraq," said Marine Maj. Phil Bragg, a spokesman for the 1st Marine Division.

Last week, Iraqi officials accused insurgents of using a retarded man to carry out one of the eight suicide bombings in Baghdad during elections.

## Marine charged

RALEIGH, N.C. — A Marine lieutenant has been charged with a military count of premeditated murder for shooting two Iraqis during a search for a terrorist hideout, and faces a possible death sentence if he is found guilty, his lawyer said Thursday.

Second Lt. Ilario G. Pantano, 33, is accused of "numerous violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in connection with the deaths, the Marine Corps said.

An Article 32 hearing — the military court equivalent of grand jury proceedings — will be held; no date has been set. Spokesman Maj. Matt Morgan said exact charges will be released later.

Attorney Charles Gittins said Pantano, based at Camp Lejeune, may have made a mistake in combat — but should not be charged with murder.

"Even if he's wrong, accidents happen in combat," Gittins said. "This was a very stressful situation. These two guys were bad guys. ... He said 'stop' and they didn't and he said it in Arabic."

The Marines had no comment, except to say the investigatory hearing process had started.

From The Associated Press



U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, center, speaks with senior Iraqi officers about 1st Mechanized Brigade — one of the country's new military forces — at a joint U.S.-Iraqi military base at Taji, outside of Baghdad, on Friday.

## Rumsfeld visits Iraq, observes security forces

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, observing Iraqi security forces in action Friday, declared "there's no question progress has been made" in preparing the war-torn nation for building a new government.

At Camp Victory outside of Baghdad, Rumsfeld watched an Iraqi counterterrorist team assault a compound in a demonstration that included live weapons fire, stun grenades and a squad of masked commandos rappelling from a helicopter.

"The professionalism of these units is advancing," Rumsfeld said of Iraqi forces.

In talks with soldiers, both Iraqi and American, Rumsfeld emphasized the importance of handing over security to Iraqi forces so American troops can come home. But he acknowledged that it takes time to train and equip the Iraqis.

"Once they have that confidence, that capacity and capability, our forces, coalition forces, will be able to go home," Rumsfeld told U.S. troops in Mosul in northern Iraq. "And go home with the honor you will have earned."

Ultimately, American forces can only help, he said. "It's the Iraqis who will have to, over time, defeat the insurgency."

Later Friday, with Rumsfeld watching a few feet away, members of Iraq's Emergency Response Team, a special police as-

sault unit, fired AK-47s and sidearms at targets on a firing range outside of Baghdad.

After the demonstration, he told them, "If you all do your jobs well, you'll end up in a fine country with a bright future."

After a review of an Iraqi army unit, Lt. Gen. N. Abadi, Iraq's deputy chief of staff, told U.S. defense officials Iraq's military needed two things: more equipment, and time to get his forces trained.

U.S. Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, chief of the effort to create independent Iraqi security forces, said Thursday at a NATO conference in Nice, France, that Iraqi military force amounted to about 136,000 trained and equipped personnel. The goal is to reach 200,000 by Oct. 1, and ultimately create a force of 270,000 or more.

The forces run the gamut — from urban police officers and highway patrolmen to military special forces and counterterrorist operators.

About 40,000 of the troops are capable of deploying around Iraq and operating directly against the insurgency, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said recently. Other analysts put the figure of effective counterinsurgency fighters much lower.

American, British and other coalition forces are serving as trainers and advisers to Iraqi security personnel. U.S. generals are planning to enhance the program with additional advisers to assist various Iraqi units.

## Army looks for dirt in mud-wrestling scandal

By BRIAN KATES

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Army has ordered a full-scale investigation into the sex and mud-wrestling scandal at Camp Bucca in Iraq, modeled after its sweeping probe of abuse allegations at Abu Ghraib prison.

Lt. Gen. James Hinely, commander of the Army Reserve, ordered the probe after the New York Daily News reported that sergeants at Camp Bucca allegedly lent their rooms to GIs for sex parties and arranged a mud-wrestling bout with scantily clad female military prison guards last year.

The investigation will be conducted under Army Regulation 15-6, the same rules that governed Gen. Antonio Taguba in his probe into the torture of Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison, said Maj. Michael Stella, an Army Reserve spokesman.

Hinely's order removes control of the investigation from Col. Isadore Rommes, commander of the 160th Military Police Battalion, whose soldiers allegedly organized and participated in the scandal.

Although the incident occurred Oct. 30, Rommes did not begin a commander's inquiry until Jan. 9 — about three months after the 160th MP Battalion had returned to its base in Tallahassee, Fla., and its members were back in civilian life.

Rommes was with the 160th when it was guarding prisoners at Camp Delta, the U.S. terror prison at Guantanamo Bay in 2002, the same period covered in FBI memos detailing allegations of

prisoner abuse there.

The mud wrestling purportedly was staged to celebrate the departure of the 160th and the arrival of replacements from the 105th Military Police Battalion, of the North Carolina National Guard.

It happened in the same period that detainees were being transferred from Abu Ghraib to Camp Bucca.

The prison, at Umm Qasr in southern Iraq, is named for New York City Fire Marshal Ron Bucca, an Army reservist who was killed at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

So far, only one low-ranking soldier has been disciplined. Deanna Allen of the 105th MP Battalion was reduced in rank from specialist to private.

Allen was photographed cavorting in a mud-filled pool clad in only bra and panties.

The 19-year-old soldier from Black Mountain, N.C., made headlines around the world after the New York Daily News published photos of her baring her breasts to ogling GIs during the mud-wrestling episode in October.

In an e-mail Thursday from Camp Bucca, Allen told The News: "I am still in Iraq and as of right now I am not allowed to answer any questions. I have been restricted."

In a series of photos leaked to The News, Allen is one of four female soldiers cavorting in a mud-filled pool clad only in bras and panties and surrounded by cheering male GIs.

Sergeants allegedly arranged the event and one purportedly acted as referee.

An initial military police report quotes a witness saying that other soldiers involved allegedly were lending their rooms to soldiers for sex.

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# Kuwait cracks down on terror

BY JIM KRANE

The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait — Police have set up checkpoints and are toting machine guns and wearing body armor for the first time. Hotels have installed metal detectors. And the U.S. Embassy has warned Americans to keep away from Western hangouts.

Security in this tiny desert emirate has been ratcheted up since a series of government raids in recent weeks against Islamic militants. The government also has begun blocking Web sites espousing jihad, and police have seized radical books from mosques and

warned teachers not to preach intolerance.

Such a show of force against Muslim militants would have been nearly politically impossible here until three weeks ago. Then for the first time, the militants long thought present in this country spilled Kuwaiti blood, gunning down two policemen who had attempted to arrest them. In a string of subsequent raids, three more policemen were killed.

Last week, residents of this elegant seaside city awoke to a full-fledged urban assault. Hundreds of masked policemen and paramilitaries swarmed the streets. Armored vehicles bar-



Kuwait special forces surround an area of Sulabiya, 12 miles northwest of Kuwait City, on Feb. 5. Security precautions in the small country have increased in the wake of several government terror raids.

reled across intersections, and government forces battled militants with grenade launchers and heavy machine guns.

Instead of recoiling in horror, many liberal Kuwaitis applauded. They contend that the government had for too long ignored the aggressive Muslim militants present in their country.

Conservative Islamic leaders, who are politically influential in Kuwait, differ on a prescription for halting the violence.

They say the extremists were victims of "delinquent ideologies" and should have been confronted with the teachings of Islam, not bullets.

## Charles gets media nod

LONDON — The British media on Friday praised Prince Charles' decision to marry his longtime lover, Camilla Parker Bowles. But it also welcomed the fact that this ceremony will be far smaller than the wedding extravaganza of Prince Charles and Princess Diana in 1981.

To show that those days of royal adulation are over, one newspaper — the Independent — refused to carry Charles' announcement on page one, choosing instead to focus on many other news stories around the world under the headline "Here is the news you may have missed."

One front-page headline said: "Royal Wedding Souvenir Issue." An even bigger one read: "Boring Old Gits to Wed."

If a consensus emerged in the mainstream press, it was that the British people should accept this marriage by a pragmatic couple of divorcees in their late 50s, one that will be little like the fairytales romance of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

From The Associated Press

# Hundreds missing after dam bursts in Pakistan

BY NASEER KAKAR

The Associated Press

QUETTA, Pakistan — Heavy rains caused a large dam to burst in a remote area of southwestern Pakistan, releasing a torrent of water that killed at least 54 people and left at least 400 others missing, officials said Friday.

Most of the dead were recovered by coast guard patrols sweeping the coast with fishing nets, provincial Cabinet minister Sher Jan Baluch said. Baluch said at least 400 people were still unaccounted for, and he feared the death toll would rise. Some of the missing might be taking shelter in homes, nearby mountains or other surrounding areas.

The 485-foot-long Shakidor Dam burst late Thursday near Pasi, a remote village in Baluchistan province, inundating the area with water.

More than 1,200 villagers already have been rescued from the floodwaters, said Mudassar Butt, an army spokesman in Quetta.

Thousands of troops, backed by helicopters and coast guard

boats, have rushed to the area. Continued heavy rains have hampered efforts to find survivors, Baluch said.

"The army has started rescue operations to try to save as many lives as possible," he said.

Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan, the top spokesman for President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, refused to speculate on how many people may have died. Witnesses described seeing trucks and tankers swept out to sea.

"I can only say that troops have started the rescue work ... and they are trying to save the lives of people," Sultan said.

The Shakidor dam was built in 2003 to help with irrigation in the area. More than a week of heavy rains has damaged telephone lines, roads and eight bridges in the area, Butt said.

He said troops diverted the flow of floodwaters to save other towns located near Pasi, about 400 miles south of Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province.

Troops and local authorities also were supplying food, medicine and tents to the affected people in Pasi and elsewhere, he said.



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## China kidnappings

BEIJING — Nearly 4,000 people were kidnapped in China last year, the government said Friday, as it issued a warning to the newly rich to beware of abductors who often kill their victims regardless of whether a ransom is paid.

Abductions have occurred frequently in China in the last few years, especially in developed coastal areas, the Xinhua News Agency said, citing a report from the Ministry of Public Security. There were 3,863 cases of kidnappings in 2004, similar to the number in 2003, it said, though no figure for that year was given.

From The Associated Press

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# U.S. rejects direct talks with N. Korea

BY BURT HERMAN  
The Associated Press

SEOUL — Washington rejected on Friday a demand from North Korea for direct talks to defuse the high-stakes impasse with the world's newest declared nuclear power, after Pyongyang said it wanted the one-on-one dialogue as proof the United States has no hostile intentions toward it.

"It's not an issue between North Korea and the United States. It's a regional issue," said White House press secretary Scott McClellan in Washington.

The United States has repeatedly refused such talks with the North, which said Thursday it would stay away from six-nation disarmament negotiations because it alleges the United States is bent on invading to topple Kim Jong Il's authoritarian regime.

"If the United States moves to have direct dialogue with us, we can take that as a signal that the United States is changing its hostile policy toward us," Han Sung Ryol, a senior diplomat at North Korea's U.N. delegation, told South Korea's Hankyoreh newspaper in a Thursday interview in New York.

"We have no other option but to

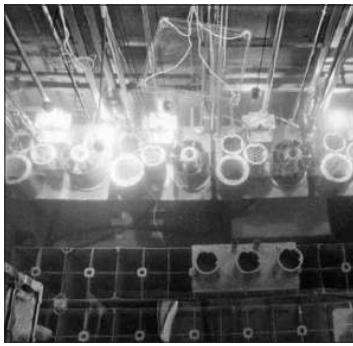
regard the United States' refusal to have direct dialogue with us as an intention not to recognize us and to eliminate our system," Han said in the interview.

The United States had reiterated on Thursday that it has no plans to invade or attack North Korea.

Han's comments were the first to outside media by a North Korean official since the country's Foreign Ministry publicly announced Thursday that the country has nuclear weapons and will indefinitely suspend its participation in nuclear talks that include China, Japan, Russia, South Korea and the United States.

The withdrawal marked a new low in the 2-year-old crisis, just as hopes had risen for new progress with the start of President Bush's second term.

North Korea has pursued direct talks with Washington as a way to bolster its international status and avoid dealing with allies increasingly frustrated by its destabilization of the region with its nuclear ambitions. But the White House has stayed away from such talks as held by President Clinton's administration, which led to a 1994 agreement for the North to



North Korea's spent nuclear fuel rods, kept in a cooling pond, are seen at the nuclear facilities in Yongbyon in 1996. The photo was acquired by the South Korean news outlet Yonhap. North Korea on Thursday announced publicly for the first time that it has nuclear weapons and rejected moves to restart six-nation disarmament talks any time soon, saying it needs the weapons as protection from the United States.

abstain from nuclear development in exchange for energy aid and economic concessions.

The latest crisis erupted when U.S. officials said North Korea admitted in late 2002 that it had a uranium enrichment program in alleged violation of the 1994 deal. The North has since denied such

a project, but admitted it has "weaponized" stocks of plutonium.

On Friday, McClellan again charged North Korea with violating the 1994 pact and stressed the six-nation talks "are the way to resolve this in a peaceful and diplomatic way."

## Experts say bluff tactics are typical Pyongyang

The Associated Press

SEOUL — Bluffs and bluster, then capitulation and compromise. North Korea has decades of experience dancing a diplomatic tango with its allies and enemies to get what it wants — and leaving the rest of the world guessing as to the real intent of the isolated communist regime.

North Korea played one of its biggest cards yet Thursday when it boldly stated it had nuclear weapons to deter a U.S. invasion, and was staying away from international talks aimed at convincing it to give up its atomic bombs. Still, experts said the move should be read as a negotiating tactic typical of the North's style and its capricious leader, Kim Jong Il.

"Until the ultimate point they maintain their stubborn posture, but in the end they know when to bend their position in order not to break up the entire process," said Park Joon-young, a political science professor at Ewha Women's University in Seoul.

"The North's move appears to be aimed at improving its negotiating power," South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Lee Tae-shik said in a briefing to ruling Uri party officials, according to a party statement.

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# Unions to sue DOD over new personnel system

BY CHRISTOPHER LEE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Five federal-employee unions announced Thursday that they will file a lawsuit next week in U.S. District Court challenging parts of the Defense Department's new personnel system.

The unions contend that Pentagon officials went against federal law by refusing to adequately consult with employees' representatives in developing the sections on labor-management issues. They also say that the National Security Personnel Sys-

tem would gut collective bargaining in violation of federal law.

"Instead of working with the longstanding representatives of the military's loyal civilian employees, the Pentagon apparently would rather duke this out in federal court," John Gage, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said in a statement.

The other unions joining the suit include the Association of Civilian Technicians, the Laborers' International Union, the National Association of Government Employees and the National Federation of Federal Em-

ployees. Together, the five unions have about 250,000 members among the 750,000 civilian workers at the Defense Department, said Mark Roth, AFGE's general counsel.

Officials at the Pentagon and the Office of Personnel Management have defended the development of the system, saying it was a collaborative process that included a variety of viewpoints, including those of the unions.

Navy Secretary Gordon R. England, who oversaw the effort, noted yesterday that officials had held more than 100

town-hall-style meetings with employees and had consulted more than 30 focus groups.

In a news briefing yesterday, England said the new system would hold managers and employees more accountable for their performance, while giving the department more power over hiring, pay and the deployment of workers.

The new work rules would replace the General Schedule with a system of "pay bands," or broad salary ranges attached to jobs newly grouped by occupation and skill level. Pay raises would be linked to annual job evaluations.

## Winter-lover's paradise



Traffic slows on South Union Street in Burlington, Vt., on Thursday as snow continues to fall across New England, closing schools and cutting power but bringing welcome accumulations for winter enthusiasts.

## Playwright Miller dies

BY JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN

The Associated Press

ROXBURY, Conn. — Arthur Miller, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright whose most famous fictional creation, Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman," came to symbolize the American dream gone awry, has died. He was 89.

Miller, who had been hailed as America's greatest living playwright, died Thursday night at his home in Roxbury of heart failure, his assistant, Julia Bolus, said Friday. His family was at his bedside, she said.

His plays, with their strong emphasis on family, morality and personal responsibility, spoke to the growing fragmentation of American society.

"A lot of my work goes to the center of where we belong — if there is any root to life — because nowadays the family is broken up, and people don't live in the same place for very long," Miller said in a 1988 interview.

Playwright Edward Albee said Miller had paid him a compliment, saying "that my plays were 'necessary.' I will go one step further and say that Arthur's plays are 'essential.'"

Miller's career was marked by early success. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for "Death of a Salesman" in 1949, when he was just 33 years old.

His marriage to Marilyn Monroe in 1956 further catapulted the playwright to fame, though that was publicity he said he never pursued.

In a 1992 interview with a French newspaper, he called her "highly self-destructive" and said that during their marriage, "all my energy and attention were devoted to trying to help her solve her problems. Unfortunately, I didn't have much success."

"Death of a Salesman," which took Miller only six weeks to write, earned rave reviews when it opened on Broadway in February 1949, directed by Elia Kazan.

The story of Willy Loman, a man destroyed by his own stubborn belief in the glory of American capitalism and the redemptive power of success, was made into a movie and staged all over the world.

In 1999, 50 years after it won the Tony Award as best play, "Death of a Salesman" won the Tony for best revival of the Broadway season.

Miller, then 83, received a lifetime achievement award.

"Just being around to receive it is a pleasure," he joked.



Miller

## Mom makes up baby-toss story

BY CURT ANDERSON

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A woman who claimed to have rescued a newborn boy after he was thrown from a moving car was actually the child's mother, fabricating the story to conceal her pregnancy, officials said Friday.

The woman, who kept her pregnancy a secret from her family and others, had planned to take the baby to authorities, Broward County Sheriff Ken Jenne said. She then built her story after seeing two people argue inside their car, he said; the baby was never thrown.

"It's not as horrible as we first thought," Jenne said. "The baby was never thrown out of a moving car. This is the case of a disturbed woman who gave birth and did not want to keep her child."

The woman gave birth Thursday afternoon, and an hour later dropped him off at a Broward sheriff's substation, telling authorities her tale of seeing the boy tossed out of the car, Jenne said.

The 38-year-old woman has not been charged.

"She has indicated that she does not want the child," Jenne said.

The 8-pound, 2-ounce boy, whose umbilical cord was still attached when he was brought in, was hospitalized in good condition Friday. Nurses at the hospital have nicknamed the child Johnny.

State law lets a mother leave a baby at any medical facility or fire station within three days of birth without any questions asked.

A woman had said thought the people in the car had thrown out a puppy, but then she found the baby inside a small plastic bag.



The mother of this newborn boy made up a story about seeing the baby thrown from a car onto a street Thursday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., officials say.

## Proposed budget gives boost to vets' programs

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Programs to find jobs and housing for former servicemembers would see a slight increase in the proposed 2006 federal budget, delighting veterans groups.

The Department of Labor, which oversees those programs, faces a 4.4 percent cut in its funding under President Bush's plan, and officials from the groups believed the Veterans' Employment and Training Service programs would see similar cuts.

Instead, plans call for an \$1.5 million increase from the \$222.8 million allocated in 2005.

Money in those programs goes toward things like job training for former and outgoing military personnel, free transitional housing for homeless veterans, and legal advice for reservists and guardsmen who have trouble returning to their jobs after deployment.

And even though the increase was less than 1 percent, it was a pleasant surprise to Jim Magill, director of employment policy for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"The mood with domestic spending this year has all doom and gloom," he said. "I expected this to be flat-lined at best."

Many civilian job assistance programs saw dramatic cuts, like the 40 percent cut proposed for the office of disability employment policy.

"I think this shows the administration has recognized an obligation to those who have served, and especially to those who are just recently veterans," Magill said.

David Greiner, national legislative assistant for AMVETS, said the labor department programs offer an important service to recently returned troops.

"When our guardsmen and reservists come back, they want to see their families and be with them," he said. "But we want to make sure they know what their employment rights are too, when they get to town. We've heard a lot of success stories with these programs."

About \$162 million of the proposed budget would go to state grants through the Jobs for Veterans Act. Among the recipients of those grants last year were groups like the United States Veterans Initiative, which provides housing and employment assistance for homeless veterans, and Workforce Essentials, a Tennessee-based group which provides job placement services.

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# Poll: Bush approval numbers down

BY WILL LESTER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The public's confidence in President Bush's job performance and the nation's direction has slipped in the opening weeks of his second term, particularly among people 50 and older, according to an Associated Press poll.

Adults were evenly divided on Bush's job performance in January, but now 54 percent disapprove and 45 percent approve. The number who think the country is headed down the wrong track increased from 51 percent to 58 percent in the past month.

The survey wasn't all bad for the Bush administration: People are slightly more optimistic about the possibility of a stable, democratic Iraq.

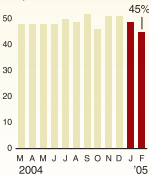
The poll, conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs, was taken for the president's State of the Union address and the elections in Iraq and at the start of a heated debate over creating personal Social Security accounts.

Older Americans, especially those 65 and above, were most responsible for the declining confidence and approval numbers.

AP-IPPOS POLL

## Presidential approval rating

President Bush's overall job approval rating from a survey of 1,000 adults.



Margin of error, ± 3.1 percentage points; registered voters prior to 2005; poll taken between Feb. 7-9

SOURCE: Ipsos-Public Affairs for AP

Middle-aged people between 30 and 50 were about evenly split on Bush's job performance.

"It looks like people are reacting to the State of the Union and

plans to change Social Security," said Charles Franklin, a political scientist from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The AP poll did not ask about Social Security, although only four in 10 in the poll said they approved of Bush's handling of domestic policy in general. And a majority of people disapproved of his handling of the economy.

The AP-Ipsos consumer confidence index found people were less optimistic about the economy generally, a dip that comes after reports of sluggish job gains and increasing interest rates.

"I voted Republican, but it looks like things are going downhill," said Kenny Spruill of Lexington, Ga., who works in construction. "I'm a self-employed contractor and a lot of Mexicans are moving into the state. We

can't compete with them price-wise."

Most Republicans were strongly supportive of Bush and his policies.

"I agree with almost everything President Bush says," said Beverly Bowman, a nurse who lives near Phoenix. "I think the Social Security thing has to be fixed."

A bright spot for the administration was increased confidence in the likelihood of a stable, democratic Iraq.

"From what I hear in the news, it sounds like the Iraqis really want it," said Bill Harter, a nurse's aide in Mason City, Iowa, who considers himself a political independent. "But it's going to take a long time."

Just over four in 10, 42 percent, said they approved of the president's handling of Iraq, while 57 percent disapproved.

Many in the public are not getting the full Iraq story, said Republican William Reid of Columbus, Ohio. Reid watches for newscasts that he says "tell the real story about the good things that are happening over there, about soldiers helping kids and giving them food."



Bush

## Special election seen likely for Calif.

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — It may be that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state's Democrats have given up, for now, working out their differences in the Legislature over a series of constitutional amendments to overhaul state government and politics.

Instead of arriving here Friday to promote the Republican governor's plans at the GOP's spring convention, state Republican Party delegates will gird for what they expect will be an unprecedented special election this fall.

"California Republicans are on the offensive," said Ron Nehring, chairman of the San Diego County GOP Central Committee. He said he doesn't believe a compromise with Democrats is likely.

Schwarzenegger has threatened to bypass the Legislature and take his plan to voters in a special election if he cannot get his way with lawmakers.

Democrats, meanwhile, are assembling their own war machine. This week, they established a political committee supported by a coalition of unions, education groups and advocates for the poor that will coordinate resources and strategy. At the heart of Schwarzenegger's reform agenda are four measures aimed at reducing the clout of public employees and teachers, and ending the power of incumbency in Sacramento.

To date, both sides have submitted more than 70 measures on a wide variety of issues that could end up on the ballot if a special election is called.



Outgoing Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe, left, shakes hands with President Clinton as 2004 Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts looks on after a tribute to McAuliffe in Washington. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean is set to take over the DNC chairmanship.

## McAuliffe revels in closing days of tenure

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Democratic National Committee Chairman Terence R. McAuliffe is not leaving quietly.

With two days left before he hands the gavel over to former Vermont governor Howard Dean, McAuliffe was running at full speed Thursday, wrapping up the last details of the party's finances, lunching with reporters, and being fetted at a gala whose speakers included former president Bill Clinton and the party's 2004 presidential nominee, John Kerry.

Clinton used his remarks to warn Democrats to set aside ideological differences, embrace a national message and embrace the centrist politics he practiced, rather than lurching to the left in the wake of two losses in two presidential elections.

"Every time I see somebody who identifies himself as a liberal saying I betrayed the liberal base of the party, I want to say 'How?'" said McAuliffe, arguing that his presidency had boosted the middle class and the poor and brought gains for women, minorities and gays. "We've got to stop beating on each other and redirect our fire against the people we disagree with."

Thursday night's bash was a grand send-off for McAuliffe, who just two years ago was the target of pointed criticism for the party's midterm election losses and the subject of articles and editorials suggesting he ought to resign. Now, in his last days, McAuliffe is being hailed for modernizing the national committee and for the first time outlasting the Republicans in a presidential election cycle — though the results were another string of losses last November.

## Iran change pushed

WASHINGTON — A group of former senior government officials called on the Bush administration Thursday to adopt an "official policy of regime change" in Iran on grounds that it poses a threat to U.S. national security.

The Iran Policy Committee formed a month ago in an effort to influence government policy toward Iran. The committee is made up of former White House, State Department, Pentagon and CIA officials.

## House OKs border bill

WASHINGTON — Immigration legislation passed by the House would allow the federal government to complete a controversial fence on the border with Mexico regardless of environmental concerns and force the states to make sure they're not granting driver's licenses to illegal aliens.

The legislation, passed Thursday by a 261-161 vote, also would grant judges broader power to deport political asylum seekers.

States would have three years to comply with the new federal standards.

## Woman kills attacker

FORT MITCHELL, Ky. — A pregnant woman fought off and killed a knife-wielding woman who may have been trying to steal the baby, police said Friday.

Police said 26-year-old Sarah Brady, who is nine months' pregnant, acted in self-defense in killing Katherine Smith on Thursday. No charges were filed. Brady was treated for cuts at a hospital.

Smith, 22, had been falsely telling neighbors for weeks that she was pregnant, and a search of her apartment after her death revealed a full baby nursery, investigators said.

Police said that about a week ago, Smith called Brady, a stranger, and asked her to come over and pick up a mistakenly delivered package. Thursday's attack occurred after Brady went to pick up a second package at Smith's apartment, police said.

## Mass suicide attempt?

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — A man used e-mail to try to set up a mass suicide on Valentine's Day involving as many as 32 people across the United States and Canada, authorities said.

Gerald Krien, 26, was arrested Wednesday and faces charges of solicitation to commit murder, according to Klamath County Sheriff's deputies.

Krien is accused of sending the plan from a woman in Canada who said she saw the message in an Internet chat room. The woman, whose name was not given by authorities, told detectives she was going to take part in the suicide but had second thoughts when another chat room participant said she would do it and talked about killing her two children, said Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger.

From The Associated Press

# Space tours likely to remain risky for years

By ERICA WERNER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The inventors and moguls of the infant space tourism industry say that there will be deaths along the way, but it's worth it so other people can one day blast into outer space.

"There are going to be fatalities," said Michael Kelly, a member of a group that is setting industry safety standards for space flights. "It's a risky business." In the early days of personal spaceflight, this is not transportation — this is adventure.

Kelly and other space tourism boosters, appearing Wednesday before a House panel considering regulations for the new

industry, said the inevitable accidents will provide valuable lessons, comparing it to the early failures that preceded the development of commercial aviation.

"If you see Burt Rutan as being like the Wright brothers in this industry ... what we have before us is what existed before aircraft were developed in the early 1900s," said Virgin Galactic President Will Whitehorn, referring to the designer of the privately financed manned rocket that shot into space over California's Mojave Desert in October.

The flight of Rutan's SpaceShipOne to nab the \$10 million Ansari X Prize energized the quest for commercial human spaceflight.

Congress passed legislation in December creating the first regulatory framework for sending paying passengers into space, and Virgin Galactic and at least one other company are already taking reservations.

As long as Congress doesn't try to enact unwieldy safety regulations, out-of-this-world vacations could be widely available within two decades, industry officials told a hearing of the House Infrastructure and Transportation's aviation subcommittee.

"It's reasonable to expect that by 2025 ... this part of our industry will have developed to the point where there could potentially be many, many of these launches," said John W. Douglass, head of Aerospace Industries Association of America.

But for now, under the Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act of 2004, the FAA must wait eight years to issue regulations to protect the safety of passengers and crew, unless a serious safety problem, injury or death occurs before then. The agency may issue regulations to protect the non-flying public.

FAA Administrator Marion Blakey said those rules are enough for now, agreeing that government oversight of commercial space entrepreneurs must evolve along with the industry.

"It was more than 20 years after the Wright brothers' first flight before government regulations concerning aviation were put into place," she said.

## Man dies from stun gun

CHICAGO — A man died after Chicago police used a Taser stun gun to subdue him Thursday, just days after a teenager was critically injured in a similar incident that prompted a lawsuit against the city.

Police said they used the stun gun on him when they were unable to restrain an unruly 34-year-old man who was fighting with officers at a high-rise building on the city's North Side on Thursday afternoon.

The man went into cardiac arrest and later died, according to Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford. Authorities did not identify the man Thursday evening.

Cdr. Michael Chasen said the man was trying to kick and bite officers and threatening to infect them with HIV. "I'm going to tell you with my blood," Chasen quoted the man as saying.

The death came the same day an official with the Department of Children and Family Services sued the city and a police officer who used a stun gun on a 14-year-old boy on Monday. The boy, who also went into cardiac arrest, remained hospitalized Thursday night.

## Student finds money

FORT WORTH, Texas — Police are investigating after a Fort Worth middle school student found thousands of dollars in a bag behind a school trash bin and then passed it out to other students.

A seventh-grader at Handley Middle School found the sealed bag with "a substantial amount of \$100 bills" in it Tuesday during school. Fort Worth police Sgt. Kathi Jones said.

Police don't know how much money was found because the student never counted it, but one child was given \$600 and bought a PlayStation 2.

Jones said she is checking on reports of robberies, drug activities or other crimes in the area to try to determine where the origin of the money.

Two weeks ago in Dallas, a child at the J.J. Rhoads Learning Center found tens of thousands of dollars that police believe was drug money and also passed it around to friends.

In Fort Worth, school officials didn't find out about the money until Thursday, when a parent came to the school with a wad of \$100 bills she had found on her child.

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# Other women allege Cosby groped them

BY NICOLE WEISENSE EGAN  
Knight Ridder

PHILADELPHIA — California attorney Tamara Green's nonstop media blitz about her allegations that Bill Cosby drugged and groped her 30 years ago has prompted other women to come forward.

"I'm not suing anybody," one of the women, now 54, said Thursday. "I just wanted to stick up for the woman in Canada and for Tamara Green. I don't want people to think they're crazy. I believe them 100 percent."

A slew of women Thursday contacted the Montgomery County, Pa., District Attorney's office and attorneys Dolores Troiani and Bebe Kivitz.

"We've had a steady stream of phone calls," said Troiani, who, along with Kivitz, represents the Canadian woman who first reported drugging and groping allegations about Cosby last month.

"We have taken their information, and we've passed it on to the police. All of them have said they saw Tamara on TV, and they called as a result of that."

Green said Thursday she received three phone calls from women in Colorado,



Green

Texas and Los Angeles with allegations similar to hers.

"The women said to me, 'It happened to me, and I said nothing,'" Green said. "I am not going to be alone when all this is said and done."

The day after Green went public with allegations that Cosby drugged and groped her 30 years ago, David Walk, a Cosby attorney, e-mailed reporters and producers a copy of a New York Post story from Wednesday that discussed a 13-count state bar complaint filed against Green last March.

Delilah Rumburg, executive director of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, said any state bar complaint against Green is "totally irrelevant" to Green's claims about Cosby drugging and groping her.

"It has absolutely nothing to do with this case," Rumburg said. "The question is, she has nothing to gain. So why would she come forward if it's not a true story?"

She also said she thought publicizing the complaint is "inappropriate" and "unfair" and discourages future victims from coming forward, especially if they're making an accusation against someone high profile.

Green, a lawyer since 1988, said in Tuesday's Philadelphia Daily News she came forward with her story after Cosby's lawyer and the Montgomery County district attorney publicly cast doubt on the Canadian woman's story that Cosby drugged and groped her in January 2004. Prosecutors have yet to decide whether to charge Cosby in the Canadian woman's case.

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# Study: Scientists feel their hands tied on research

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some scientists are thinking twice about doing or reporting certain research, reacting to political and social controversy in addition to legal restrictions.

"It appears that controversy shapes what scientists choose to study and how they choose to study it, and we need to look a little bit more closely at the effects it might be having," said Joanna Kempner, a researcher at the University of Michigan.

Kempner and co-authors from Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania conducted in-depth interviews with 41 scientists engaged in a variety of studies. They found that half felt constrained by formal limits, but even more said they were affected by informal or unspoken rules on what and how studies can be done.

Their findings are reported in Thursday's issue of the journal *Science*, in a paper titled "Forbidden Knowledge."

Formal limits include such things as the ban on federal funding for most research on embryonic stem cells and restrictions on research involving humans.

In many cases, too, scientific journals have their own rules, such as refusing to publish material they think might be detrimental to national security.

But there also are fears about the ire of interest groups.

While formal and informal restrictions on research are not un-

usual, Deborah G. Johnson of the University of Virginia said they are not necessarily all bad. "On the one hand, you want a profession to have norms and to have some standards and some self-regulation. On the other hand, you don't want there to be an environment of fear of repercussions if they do something which they think is legitimate," said Johnson, who has studied similar issues but was not part of Kempner's group.

One researcher, commenting on avoiding controversial work, told Kempner's team: "I would like to lunatic-proof my life as much as possible."

Militant animal rights groups were a concern for many, who worried about organizations that have invaded laboratories to set animals loose and destroy research.

Kempner recalled one of her interviews. "All of a sudden he said, 'How do I know you're not from an animal rights organization collecting information to storm the place?'" Sometimes commercial interests can get in the way of research, Kempner added, saying there are cases when the pharmaceutical industry will ask a researcher not to publish a particular finding.

Another example was a researcher who wanted to study what kind of environments can lead to sexual harassment. "She couldn't find a company that would let her ask those kinds of questions to employees," Kempner said. They didn't want anything that might give one of their workers the idea to sue.

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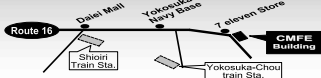


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# Owner of Ark. liquor oasis taking dry road

By CHUCK BARTELS

The Associated Press

POSSUM GRAPE, Ark. — A big change is coming to Possum Grape. Mary Wilmans is selling her liquor store after a lifetime of catering to Arkansas' hill people and cross-country travelers.

It's no lie when Wilmans bills her 67 Liquor store as a landmark. It's half the town's business district and, thanks to a quirk in geography, it's the closest booze

option for people in four adjoining counties.

"Every single day you see the same people. They're great people, and they're hill people," Wilmans said. "They know exactly how much they're going to spend when they come in here."

As if on cue, a man came in with his \$14.35 ready, the price with tax for his 30-pack of Milwaukee's Best beer.

Wilmans' store, in the western

panhandle of Jackson County, serves Cleburne, Independence and White counties and the "dry" portion of Woodruff County.

In Arkansas, voters can decide whether their towns will be "wet" or "dry." Wet means someone can buy liquor locally to wet their whistle. When an area is dry, it means a drive across the county line, and sometimes several county lines, to reach an oasis like Possum Grape.

"There are people who proba-

## Driving more miles to drink

Surrounded by three dry counties, the 67 Liquor store in Possum Grape, Ark., is being sold after serving the community for more than 50 years.

### County status

☐ Dry ☐ Wet

NOTE: Augusta in Woodruff County has legal beer sales.



SOURCES: Alcohol Beverage and Control Commission; ESR

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ly don't want that store there, really," said Jackson County Judge Jerry Carlew, the county's chief executive.

Carlew's economic impact likely wouldn't be great if 67 Liquor ends up closing. Newport, the county seat 15 miles away, has liquor stores and could pick up the slack for customers who travel the ridge from Batesville and Searcy, towns 30 miles away with church-affiliated liberal arts colleges.

"I don't think it's a big revenue-getter for Jackson County. People would buy their booze somewhere else, probably in our county," Carlew said.

Wilmans said the foundation of the business is people who live nearby and make the store a regular stop.

"I have two big holidays here — the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. Otherwise, my weeks are almost all the same," she said. Not even the days before the Super Bowl caused a significant bump in sales.

While the business is named 67 Liquor, the store is now on Arkansas 367. U.S. 67 became a four-lane highway decades ago, moving to the east of Possum

Grape, and, in a way, leaving the town in the past.

Gone is the filling station, and the dairy bar has long since been boarded up. There's still a restaurant, but Wilmans said her father bought the tavern that used to be in town and closed it to quell local leaders concerned about late-night drunks.

"People were talking about a wet-dry election. We didn't want that to happen," Wilmans said.

The store has sidestepped other threats, too. Wilmans said she gave some financial backing to a church-based effort several years ago that was successful in blocking another liquor store from coming to the area.

Williams is preparing to retire at 53 and said she'll keep her store on the block long enough to get her price, \$225,000.

Wilmans said she's aware of the social cost of alcohol and said she isn't always proud to run a liquor store. But she was born into the family business. Her father had three stores in northeast Arkansas and Wilmans and her two sisters each got a store after their father died.

"I'm playing the cards that were dealt to me," she said.

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# The great house is heart of black heritage

## Educator's boyhood home stands as a memorial to his struggles in racially divided S.C.

By JOEY HOLLEMAN

The State (Columbia, S.C.)

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The simple boyhood home of noted black educator Benjamin Mays stood for years on a Greenwood County farm, serving as a repository for joy and, at times, a target of racial hate.

Now, the clapboard structure stands proudly as the centerpiece of a burgeoning heritage complex in downtown Greenwood, an eloquent statement on the fortitude of Mays in particular and his race in general.

"When I'm in the house, it makes me think, 'This man came from so little,'" said Jauris Dayton-Garris, manager of black tourism development for the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor. "Like so many from the South, the focus was on building a future, not what they didn't have."

Born the eighth child in a sharecropping family, Mays spent his childhood in the community of Epworth in a four-room house with no frills. That's four rooms, not four bedrooms. The home had no indoor kitchen or bathroom.

Mays overcame the prejudice and inferior public education offered to blacks in South Carolina in the early 1900s. He talked his parents into allowing him to attend the high school part of South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, then went on to earn an undergraduate degree from Bates College in Maine and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago.

A Baptist minister, he served as presi-



THE STATE (COLUMBIA, S.C.)/ART

The boyhood home of African-American educator Benjamin Mays has been moved from a Greenwood County farm to downtown Greenwood, S.C.

dent of Morehouse College in Atlanta from 1940 to 1967. Along the way, he never shied from speaking his mind about injustices, and he served as a mentor to Martin Luther King Jr. and many other black leaders of the future.

In his autobiography, written in 1971, Mays had few kind words for the leaders of his home state. One of his strongest childhood memories was of the fear in Epworth

surrounding the Phoenix Riots in 1898. Mays was only 5-years-old when at least seven blacks were lynched during a voting rights battle in Greenwood County.

Mays was allowed to attend school only four months a year as a child, and his family felt the wrath of pervasive racism. But before his death at age 89 in 1984, Mays' attitude toward South Carolina softened.

Mays returned to Epworth in 1981 for

the naming of Mays Crossroads, where U.S. 178 crosses Scott Ferry Road near his boyhood home.

"There was a time when I hated my native state, not the people but for what the politicians did, segregating me so that I could never rise to be what God intended all men to be — free," Mays said at the ceremony.

But later in the speech, he noted how far the state had come and that he considered white political leaders such as W.J. Bryan Dorn and John Drummond his friends.

After the Mays family moved out of the house near the current Mays Crossroads in the 1930s or 1940s, the owner rented it to other tenants into the 1960s. When it was no longer inhabitable, the structure was used for storage. In later years, as Mays' link to the structure became common knowledge, vandals scratched "KKK" in several places on the wooden outer walls.

The Palmetto Conservation Foundation acquired the house in 2002 and had it moved to a cleared area behind Brewer Hospital, a former nurse training facility for blacks in Greenwood.

A one-room black school used in the early 1900s also was moved to the site.

The two-story brick hospital building serves as headquarters for the GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to low-income residents in a 10-county area.

The Palmetto Conservation Foundation, GLEAMNS and the Heritage Corridor are working with local officials to raise money for a 1,000-square-foot visitors center, where the story of Mays' life and black education in general can be told.

# Dig uncovers historic remnants of Hampton

By MARK ST. JOHN  
ERICKSON

The Daily Press

HAMPTON, Va. — Sometime back about 1690 — and maybe as early as 10 years before — the owner of a ramshackle house on the main street of what was still called Kecoughtan started pulling the structure down.

Two broken tobacco pipes fell into a root cellar as workers razed the decrepit wooden building. And other landed in the hole created when someone pulled a rotting structural post from the ground.

Unearthed by archaeologists more than three centuries later, those distinctively shaped pieces of pottery have now become tell-tale clues in an ambitious effort to recreate the lost colonial landscape of America's oldest continuous English-speaking city.

Recovered from a complex cluster of architectural features that includes three pre-Revolutionary War dwellings, the pipe bowls range among the earliest artifacts found since the south King Street dig started last summer. They also mark a historic turning point in the transformation of the coastal outpost of Kecoughtan into the flourishing 18th-century seaport town of Hampton.

But as surprised archaeologists have learned over and over again, their latest discovery represents only one more story at a site that has given up evidence of 13 buildings, five wells and numerous other features over the past five months. They hope to turn up addi-

tional clues before the excavation ends in about two weeks.

"When we started, all we knew for certain was that we had one cellar," says Hank Lutten, project archaeologist for the James River Institute for Archaeology. "But the magnitude and importance of this site is much, much greater than we originally thought."

Originally funded by a small grant from the state Department of Historic Resources' Threatened Sites Program, the King Street dig began with a series of test holes excavated around the old Kramer Tire Company building this past August.

Though one relatively shallow shaft opened up to reveal a bank of brick steps leading down into an 18th-century cellar, the archaeologists confess now that the site turned out to be far richer — and more difficult to excavate — than several previous digs conducted nearby during the 1980s had predicted.

"We were very fortunate to find so much — and fortunate that the city was able to step in and support what has become an extensive project," says Nick Luccetti, principal archaeologist for James River Institute.

Though the excavation is expected to end within two weeks, the work of conserving tens of thousands of artifacts found over the past five months is just beginning. Transferred to the Hampton History Museum, the objects will form the centerpiece of a temporary exhibit over the next six weeks.

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# Sweethearts reunite family after years apart

BY PAULINE ARRILLAGA

The Associated Press

EVERETT, Wash. — He held his son only once, in a sterile office at Catholic Services that November day in 1977.

Bart Stokes gazed into the eyes as blue as his own, and covered his boy's cheeks in kisses.

"He was still a child himself, a junior in high school, hardly the picture of a father."

But to be a father and husband was all Bart dreamed of becoming.

He had it all worked out in his head. He cherished Brenda Litzo, had even proposed before they ever learned she was pregnant.

The most important thing was keeping his family together.

Yet even the best intentions can fall by the wayside when those older and wiser have other plans in mind. Brenda's parents had already made adoption arrangements, and she was too scared to fight them.

Bart and Brenda were told that the adoptive family was Catholic and lived somewhere in metropol-

itan Seattle. They had one other child, a 13-year-old boy.

Brenda signed her name and slid the document over to Bart. He stared, speechless, then stormed out.

"We can have more kids," Brenda promised him. "We'll always be together." She begged him to just get it over with.

Knowing it was the biggest mistake of his life, he signed.

Bart never understood why Brenda went along with the adoption, but once their baby was gone, the couple argued endlessly. Bart dropped out of school and, by Christmas, Brenda had stopped returning his calls.

The snapshot of the tiny baby, one the hospital provided of Michael at 3 days old, never left Bart's wallet.

It remained after he met another woman and got married in 1983, after they had a son together and long after they divorced in 1988. It remained after the birth of his next son.

Bart tried to locate his firstborn by contacting various adoption rights groups, but he was told lit-

tle could be done unless the child registered with them.

He also wondered about Brenda.

Through friends, he learned she had married, had other children — three boys — and moved to California. He didn't know, however, that she had also divorced.

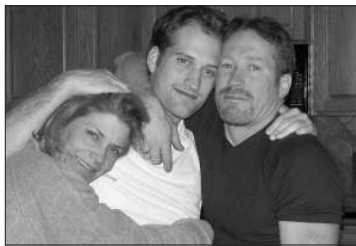
Now and then, he'd search her married name on the Internet.

Then, in 2001, he registered his name on Classmates.com, a Web site that allows people to track down and contact former schoolmates. Brenda had registered, too. He e-mailed, but got no response.

In November 2003, following the death of one of Brenda's old friends, Bart tried writing again. Still, nothing.

One month later, Bart went into work at Boeing, where he assembles jets, and sat down at a computer. A message popped up in his inbox: "You've received a Classmates Email!"

Brenda, living in Placentia, Calif., had been between jobs, with no access to a computer. But



Bart Stokes, right, and Brenda Litzo hug their son, Andy Fenkner, during a tearful reunion on Feb. 6 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Stokes and Litzo were teenagers in 1977 when they had Fenkner and gave him up for adoption before ending their relationship.

as soon as she received Bart's note, she responded.

They had a long exchange about life, work and their children. At the end, she wrote, "I think of you often."

It was January 2004, and she had arranged to stay for 10 days. They would finish the paperwork to petition a court to open Michael's adoption file.

Then a chance conversation with a stranger at a car dealership accelerated the search for their son.

Brenda told her story: that she was in town to reunite with her high school sweetheart and they were hoping to find the son they had put up for adoption.

How old was the child? asked the woman, Michelle Abbott.

Ten-year-old, said Brenda: born Oct. 25, 1977.

What a coincidence, Abbott told her. She had a cousin born the very same day. And he was adopted.

Brenda asked: Does he have any brothers or sisters? Just one, Abbott said. A brother, 13 years older.

Michelle Abbott had called her mom, who contacted Abbott's aunt — Michael's adoptive moth-

The families quickly put two-and-two together.

Word reached Andy of the strange meeting between his cousin and his mother.

On Feb. 6, 2004 — just two months after their own reunion — the couple arrived in Scottsdale.

For the first time in more than 26 years, Bart and Brenda held their child.

Their second night together, Brenda told Andy she had something to ask. On Oct. 1, 2005 — the anniversary of when the high school sweethearts started dating — Bart and Brenda plan to finally marry.

Andy said yes, of course, he would walk his mom down the aisle.

This past November, Brenda and Bart welcomed a second child into the world.

Andy had flown in just to be there.

As the infant's cries suddenly filled the room, Andy called her by the name his parents allowed him to choose.

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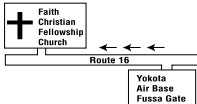
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MIDLAND, Texas — "Preaching Jesus, Western style," declares the sign out front. Across the street from a flea market, in the shadow of oil wells and tumbleweeds, Glenn Smith trains aspiring cowboy ministers in a building that looks more like a steakhouse than a seminary.

"These boys and girls will come out of here full-fledged ministers, but they'll be ministers that look like I do," said Smith, 70, sporting a \$550 Resistol hat and \$600 ostrich skin boots.

At the School of Western Ministries, pickup-driving pupils don colorful cowboy shirts, Wrangler jeans and belt buckles with messages such as "Jesus Christ: Champion of Champions." (As Smith explained, nobody puts on a suit and tie and then goes out to get cow, humm, stuff all over them.) From Alabama to Australia, students come to West Texas to study how to teach the Bible in places where a barn might double as a sanctuary, and where horse tanks and farm ponds make do as baptisteries.

Matt Reid, a 30-year-old saddle bronc rider from Cullman, Ala., said he came to learn from down-to-earth scholars who speak his language.

"These folks, they're not very religious," Reid said. "It's more like, they believe a relationship with Jesus is the best thing. You don't get all churchified."

Or, as Smith describes it: "If you want to catch a catfish, you use catfish bait. But usually, you can't catch a bass with catfish bait."

As he sees it, the same principle applies to ministering to the "Western world," a population turned off, he believes, by holier-than-thou preachers with deep voices and three-piece suits.

The former professional bull rider and rodeo clown leads a cowboy worship service each Sunday night at the International Western World Outreach Center, the Midland-based ministry that he and his wife Ann oversee.

The type of folks who attend would not fit in at the First Baptist Church, the First Methodist Church or the First Assembly of God, he said. On Sunday morning, when traditional churchfolk occupy pews, they're baling hay and tending cattle.

"So what we're trying to train these kids to do is what I've done for 30 years, and that is to actually go out in the boonies where no one cares," he said. "And we have church services in barns, rodeo arenas, Holiday Inn ballrooms, often under shade trees in the summertime."

Smith's ministry even prints its own Bibles — King James versions with drawings of cowboys on the front and back.

The idea is that a macho cowboy might be more apt to throw such a Bible on his pickup dash than an official-looking one with a black cover.

"Somebody said, 'Well, aren't you afraid that God doesn't like that?'" Smith said. "I said, 'Well, in 30 years, he hasn't told me.' I figured if it had tied him off, he would have at least let me know."



Glenn Smith talks about his teaching technique at his School of Western Ministries in Midland, Texas, last month. Smith trains aspiring cowboy ministers.

The Smiths started the School of Western Ministries last year with an inaugural class of 16. Twenty students enrolled for this year's session, which started last month.

"It's great for the young people," said Tim

Kelly, 44, who works with Rodeo Cowboy Ministries in Kingaroy, Australia. "When we started at home, there was nothing like this. So we just had to learn as we went."

Each student pays \$1,200 tuition for 17 weeks of instruction geared toward "those called to minister in any and every area of the 'Western world' — be it rodeo, farm and ranch, horse events of every kind, stock shows, and all associated activities and occupations," according to the school's Web site.

They learn from instructors such as Neil Cassata, a cowboy minister from Groesbeck, Texas, who offers commonsense advice such as, "Your opinion and 27 cents will get you a refill at Dairy Queen. Don't give people your opinion. Give them the word of God."

Pat Cramton, 48, decided to attend the school, even though it meant being apart from her husband and four daughters for about four months.

Cramton, whose family keeps 300 cows on a 5,000-acre ranch in Pretty Prairie, Kan., said she grew up in a traditional church where "you sing your hymn and you sit down; you sing your hymn and you sit down."

But she believes people are looking for a different worship experience.

"I just really would like to open an outdoor ministry for churches to bring people out to the pastures and just worship God in a pasture," Cramton said. "Sometimes, I think we get so busy in life, we don't go out and see the beauty of creation and all that God made."

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# Sunday Horoscope

Hunger dictates the value of things under the Taurus moon. The longer a desire goes unsatisfied, the stronger it gets and the more willing you are to pay for satisfaction. The Taurus lunar influence stimulates the appetite for beauty and luxury, making us aware of our sensual nature. We pay for satisfying our senses by indulging in food and entertainment.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The law of spiritual detachment applies in obvious ways now. By clinging too readily to the outcome you desire in a relationship, you may be blocking something better from occurring. Loosen your grip!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Events happen to shake you up and switch off the autopilot in your head. Anytime you have been doing in a repetitious and predictable way will be observed on a conscious level.

The result is a mind-blowing breakthrough.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your sense of entitlement has wavered between the extremes of feeling unworthy and feeling "all that." A sweet extravagance is offered to you, but will you take it? The choice sets a tone for your entire week.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Intuitively, you create a structure for yourself so that it will be difficult to break free. Perhaps you sign up for a course or enlist the help of a tough disciplinarian. The benefits of rigorous teaching are numerous.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** In some way, you are singing in the rain—choosing a happy tone in spite of inconvenience or discomfort. It's just one of the ways you enforce and nurture your outstanding character.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (February 13).** You are intuitively energized by your activities this year and what you love and loving what you do. The energetic flow starts with changes you make in the next seven weeks. Swift and specific decisions allow you to maximize your talents and make money in an enjoyable way. Motivational and loving signs include Pisces and Sagittarius. Lucky numbers are: 20, 50, 45, 1 and 12.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** A realization: You may notice for the

first time that you are involved in an ongoing way in a task that is not worthy of you. List the pros and cons of the situation on paper, and seriously look it over.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Tired of introspection, you now are eager to throw the attention off of yourself and onto a project. You'll still be learning about yourself through this study, though—you can't get around it now.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The spotlight is on your inner derelict, who emerges with a sideways smirk, ready to prove you are not only capable but stylish. snap, snap. A checklist ensures you've got the bases covered.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're feisty! Be aware you could be intimidating those who don't know you well. This probably won't stop you from meeting challenges in your usual way—head on.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Some people around you are experiencing trouble adjusting to change. You can set a tone with your actions (not your instruction). Anyone who criticizes is just jealous, so take care with a grain of salt.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You respect others, they respect you, and it is, as they say, "all good." So steer clear of power-tripping people who have a tendency to stir the pot for the sake of drama. You don't need it now!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** It's the perfect day to research your vision and make it come to life, if only in your own mind. Add a dimension to your goal by painting a vivid mental picture of it awakens your desire. Without desire, motivation is lost.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Valentine's Day is not just for lovers anymore. Venus and Neptune send an open invitation to commemorate love in its many forms, from the kinship found in the fellowship of man to familial compassion to the elation of romance. All shades of love deserve to be honored and nurtured, if only in the act of remembering. But the monumental loves tend to be celebrated in a shower fashion under the Taurus moon, which is all about sensuality and luxury.

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## Dogs inspired islands' name

Can you settle a bet for me? Are the Canary Islands named for the cute little birds or for dogs, like my friend says?

The name Canary Islands comes from the Latin name "Canaria Insulae," meaning "dog islands." According to what Pliny the Elder found in the writings of King Juba II, the king of Numidia and Mauretania who lived from 40 BC to ca. AD 24, the group of islands that Juba explored off the northwest coast of Africa were remarkable especially for the multitude of dogs that inhabited them. The Latin word for "dog" being "canis," the islands were named "Canariae insulae," meaning "dog islands."

It's probable that neither Juba nor Pliny knew it, but the dogs on the islands were most likely brought by earlier invaders from Africa and were not indigenous. A kind of small greenish-brown bird was, however, native to the islands. Some of these birds were brought to Europe in the 16th century and were called "Canary birds" by the people of England. The name of the birds was shortened to "canary" over time, as the birds were bred to sing the greenish to yellow birds that we know today.

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# Woman finds prospective mate more interested in Navy career

**Dear Abby:** My boyfriend, "Lance," attends the Naval Academy in Annapolis. We have been dating seriously for a long time and have made plans to start our life together when he graduates and heads off to flight school. I intended to leave my job, my family and friends to be with him.

Recently, out of the clear blue sky, Lance told me he has second thoughts about our plans. He said his doubts stem from his concern for my best interests. He feels it would be too difficult for me to continually move over the years, and so would feel guilty asking me to sacrifice so much for him.

I was caught completely off guard. I told Lance that, because I love him so much, I want to give this new life a chance. We talked for hours, and he decided that although he loves me very much, his life belongs to the Navy, and no one but he should make sacrifices.

Should I try to mend this relationship or let him go?

**Still in Love in Maryland**  
*Dear Still:* It's apparent that Lance gave the matter considerable thought before he discussed his change of heart with you. "Mending fences" won't work because his mind is already

made up. Speaking metaphorically, the ship has sailed, and you have been left behind. As I see it, you have no choice but to let him go. Make the break a clean one and move on.

**Dear Abby**

**Dear Abby:** My wife's brother, "George," lives with us. It was my wife's suggestion because he was homeless, and she didn't want him on the streets in the cold weather. She said she wanted him to stay with us for a few months. That was more than three years ago. I can find with this George doesn't work, so he's no help with the bills. He brings women here like it's his house. He smokes dope here and gets drunk. I don't do any of those things. He won't even mow the lawn in the summer.

I have told my wife that George is a 50-year-old man and has got to move elsewhere. She agrees, but says nothing to him. It has led to some serious arguments. I recently left something out in our bedroom to see if it would disappear, and yes, it did. I knew it would. I am ready to leave my own home. What should I do now?

**Tired of My Brother-In-Law in North Carolina**

are growing older. I feel grateful that we live nearby. Every day, I bring my folks their mail and stay for a short visit.

The problem is Dad's smoking. He smokes in the house with the windows and doors shut. When I hit the front door, I nearly gag, and it takes everything I can muster to keep breathing. Everything else my own smells like smoke.

Dad smokes outside when he visits other people, but he continues to smoke inside his house and his car. I have tried to explain how repulsive this is, but he says, "It's my house, and I'll smoke it in if I want to." Mom has a weak heart, has had two strokes and is in delicate

condition. This smoke can't possibly be good for her. I don't want to stop visiting, but I can't handle these dreaded smoky visits much longer. What can I do?

**Smoked Shrouded in California**  
*Dear Smoke Shrouded:* Not much. It is his house and his car, and he doesn't have to listen to you. The only person who can demand that he not smoke in the house is your mother, and apparently, it doesn't bother her enough to speak up.

You are right that the situation is unhealthy for both of them, but particularly so considering Mom's

*Dear Tired:* You have done more than enough for your brother-in-law. The time has come for George to sober up, grow up, and take responsibility for himself. Since your wife can't bring herself to let her brother be must go, it's up to you. Set a date for him to leave and insist upon it.

**Dear Abby:** Five months ago, I became involved with a gentleman whom I met at church. He is kind and caring—everything that a girl could look for. We are compatible and get along quite well in more ways than one.

The problem is he is living with someone else, and his job takes up much of his time. When we're together the time goes by so quickly—and then I hear nothing for days on end. He tells me that he cares for me, and I care about him, but I'm confused. Should I bide my time in the hope that things will improve?

**Conflicted on the East Coast**  
*Dear Conflicted:* Face it: Your kind, caring, compatible, churchofing guy already has a hen sitting on his nest. Unless you want to end up with egg on your face, run like the dickens. He's already taken.

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# No sure-fire way for grown-ups to keep self from crying in public

**Dear Annie:** I recently retired from 33 years of law enforcement and am currently working in Iraq assisting the Iraqi police. I can handle blood and guts all day long, but I always have had a problem with crying. When it comes to funerals, weddings or "Old Yeller," I forget it.

I've tried everything from crying my lip to not attending these functions. Is there a technique I can learn to help me with this problem? I realize it's OK to be emotional once in a while, but there are times when I need to hide these feelings.

**Crying Guy**  
*Dear Crying Guy:* There's nothing wrong with being sensitive. More men are crying these days, and a large majority of them are quite acceptable. The bad news is, there is no "cure." Wear sunglasses when you must attend functions where you anticipate getting teary.

**Don't let 'em** keep a mental list of happy or angry thoughts, and when needed, concentrate on one that will take your mind off the sadness.

**Dear Annie:** Last year, my parents moved to my town in order to be closer to my family. I love them very much, and as they

are growing older, I feel grateful that we live nearby. Every day, I bring my folks their mail and stay for a short visit.

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You are right that the situation is unhealthy for both of them, but particularly so considering Mom's

heart condition. You can give Dad some literature showing how harmful cigarette smoke is for his wife, and you might offer to get them an air purifier, but understand that the most likely is too addicted to give it up.

**Dear Annie:** My 11-year-old niece has been distributing flyers for her youth-skill program. The flyers state her contact information but conspicuously leaves out her young age.

Annie, I wouldn't want an 11-year-old taking care of my child, and I'm pretty sure if her potential clients knew, they wouldn't be in a rush to request her services. I think this flyer is deceptive, and I'm not sure it's OK or just keep my nose out of it?

**Batting Baby-sitting Blues in the Southeast**  
*Dear Batting:* You have attention to the girl's parents that such flyers can be dangerous should one fall into the hands of a pedophile (and listing her age would make it worse). Beyond that, stay out of it. Any potential client should ask your niece's age before agreeing to hire her.

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## Muslims' reaction 'paranoid'

"Islamic group upset over Mattis remarks" (article, Feb. 6, Okinawa and Japan editions); "Islamic group upset over Marine general's remarks," Korea edition), about the outrage on the part of the Council on American-Islamic Relations over comments made by Marine Lt. Gen. James Mattis, is indicative of why Muslims are misunderstood in the West-ern world.

I'll be the first to admit that the general evidently failed to "engage brain before starting mouth," an often-unforgivable error in the modern politically correct Ameri-  
ca, but his comments were directed at a group of female-abusing thugs who used to control Afghanistan.

Apparently in the eyes of CAIR, the fact that these thugs also paid lip service to the religion Islam (they certainly could not have been true practitioners and be-  
have as they did) confers some kind of im-munity on them. Islamic law prescribes the death penalty for a disturbingly large variety of offenses. Shouldn't that law ap-  
ply to Muslims as well?

As long as supposedly responsible rep-  
resentatives of Islam continue to react in a paranoid fashion to the slightest criti-  
cism of their members, and as long as they continue to either ignore, defend or  
subsidize the terrorist actions of so-called Muslims, they will have trouble  
finding trust seriously when they ponti-  
ficate about the value of human life.

Tolerance is a two-way street. True  
practitioners of the religion founded by  
the prophet Muhammad should clean  
their own house before criticizing others.

Paul G. Liebeck  
Bamberg, Germany

## Making mountain out of molehill

First and foremost, I fully support the  
U.S. doctrine of free speech, enshrined in  
the First Amendment, for all: laymen and  
the military. I support Lt. Gen. James  
Mattis' right to speak his mind on any  
matter, except that which could place oth-  
ers at risk, such as other members of the  
military on duty in various parts of the  
Muslim world and elsewhere.

I understand the general's candid and

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outspoken statements were given within  
a certain context, relating to his military  
experience in Afghanistan and Iraq. It ap-  
pears to me that he was too blunt and  
bombastic under the circumstances and,  
as such, displayed no appreciation for re-  
ligious and cultural sensitivity in the mat-  
ter of shooting other people, however des-  
picable the latter may be. I, at times,  
have felt like going to the Taliban what  
the general articulated, by virtue of the  
atrocities committed against civilians.

At the same time, I think certain Mus-  
lim advocacy groups are making a moun-  
tain out of the general's molehill com-  
ments. Where were they when the ethnic  
Afghans were slaughtering each other,  
including women and children, without  
rhyme or reason?

I also think the U.S. military establish-  
ment has failed in its response to manage  
the general's unashamed bravado. The  
Marine hierarchy should let Mattis that  
his free-speech privilege can degenerate  
into a very nasty problem for the al-  
ready-damaged image of the U.S. mili-  
tary abroad. And the "apology" issued by  
the Marine Corps commandant, Gen.  
Mike Hagee, was feeble and inadequate  
and appeared more an endorsement than

a reprimand. This compounds the hurt  
caused by Mattis' original comments.

I think everyone should stop shouting  
and bring this unfortunate incident to an  
agreeable conclusion: Let's not romanti-  
cize killing other people and let's stop  
pointing fingers. Hey, can we all get  
along?

M. Kazim Yusuf

Washington

## Soldiers embody sacrifice

What is a soldier — not who, but what?  
Even though I was raised by a Marine  
who served 30 years, it took until now,  
while working in Iraq, to finally put the  
puzzle together.

A soldier is not just a man or woman. A  
soldier is not just a brave warrior or a  
career. A soldier is not just an enlisted  
person or an officer. No, this is what a  
soldier really is:

Soldiers are true servants of all people.  
They sacrifice time away from their fami-  
ly and friends for you and me. They sacri-  
fice their lives for an entire land of peo-  
ple they don't even know. They strap on  
their gear and put their lives on the line  
every day because it is the right thing to  
do.

In the mess hall, I hear stories about  
their kids, their spouses, their dog back  
home, and some funny stories about their  
"insane" mothers-in-law.

I hear about what they said to their chil-  
dren last night, and what their girlfriends  
bought at the mall. And sometimes I even  
hear about fallen comrades, sometimes  
soldiers they just met in passing. Still, it's  
one of their own.

It doesn't matter if they agree with the  
politics, they still serve. It doesn't matter  
if they aren't getting rich, they still serve.  
It doesn't matter if people around the  
globe think they should leave Iraq to all  
own demise, they still serve. At this  
while being a couple of continents away  
from their loved ones.

They sacrifice all of this for all of us,  
whether they realize or not. They sacri-  
fice all of this to serve you and me.

And so I sit each day at the Steeldragon  
mess hall ... with soldiers ... real soldiers  
... my soldiers.

Darrell Griffith

Baghdad



# OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

### Why does South suffer so? The Times-Picayune, New Orleans

Stroke is a big killer in this country — only heart disease and cancer claim more lives — but it's not an indiscriminate one: Southerners make up a disproportionate number of stroke deaths.

A national study presented at the International Stroke Conference in Birmingham, Ala., revealed striking regional and racial disparities. White people who live in the South are 29 percent more likely to die of a stroke than white Americans who live elsewhere. The difference is even greater for African-Americans who live in the South: they are 51 percent more likely to die of a stroke than their counterparts in other regions.

Unfortunately, the study doesn't shed any light on why living in the South increases the risk of stroke death, although diet and exercise habits could have something to do with it. ...

Researchers need to figure out precisely why Southerners are more likely to succumb to strokes, but in the meantime, Southerners, both black and white, need to understand this killer and what to do when it strikes.

### Liberty valued when issue is The Des Moines (Iowa) Register

According to a recent opinion poll, many American high school students are OK with the idea that the government should be able to approve news stories before they are published in newspapers. ...

... But whereas facts about the Constitution can be taught, a passionate belief in the principles enshrined in the Bill of Rights comes through experience with the consequences of authoritarian governments. ...

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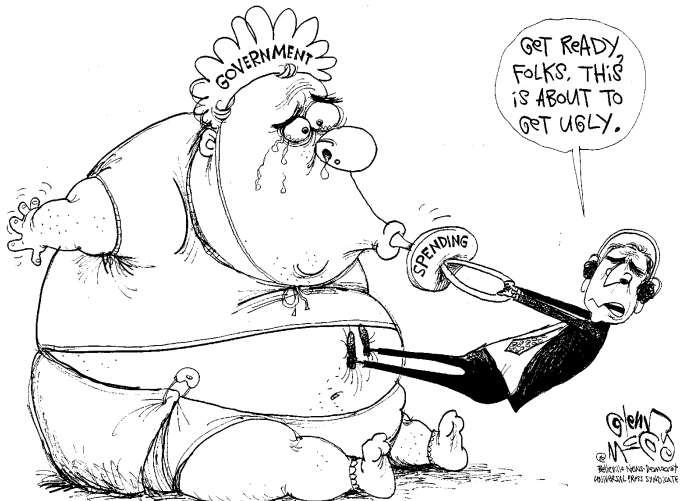
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ly how much of what you do should your employer control? ...

But Weyer President Howard Weyers' attempt to dictate his employees off-work behavior is disturbing, particularly because it's perfectly legal. Michigan is one of 29 states that have so-called "at-will" employment laws. That means employees can be fired for virtually any reason or no reason at all.

Legal scholars say the only reason state Legislatures don't put a stop to at-will get it is there is no strong lobbying effort to get it done. Maybe this will light a fire under some people. It should.

### Budget weak on the weakest The Anniston (Ala.) Star

The rules still apply: we can't fund a war, secure the nation in a post-Sept. 11 world, hand out tax cuts that favor high-income brackets and stay out of the red. Something must give, and it looks like the "least of these" are the ones who will be shortchanged if President Bush gets his way.

Votes to programs for the poor are in jeopardy. The Department of Housing and Urban Development loses 11.5 percent from last year's budget. Cities and counties will feel the pinch as community development assistance is trimmed by 4.5 percent.

The loss of \$45 billion in Medicaid will hurt states, forcing them to pick up more of the medical bill for poor residents. The president also proposes cutting \$1.1 billion from the food stamp budget. ...

Speaking Monday, the president said his "budget that sets priorities." A president whose speeches are richly flavored with words urging compassion and care for the needy can set better priorities.

### Death-benefits hike was due The Times Herald-Record, Middletown, N.Y.

Amid all the debate over the war in Iraq and President Bush's handling of it, there is one thing on which most Americans would probably agree: Up to now, the government has been incalculably stingy in compensating the families of U.S. servicemen and women who died fighting that war.

Current law provides for a \$12,420 death benefit to a surviving spouse or family of a servicemember who dies in a combat area.

This is better than the \$6,000 death benefit that prevailed until 2003, but even with other benefits available to surviving families, it is hardly appropriate recompense for those whose loved ones make the greatest sacrifice.

In fact, at their time of greatest loss, the current benefit would barely cover a family's burial expenses, something the government does not do. ...

The president has proposed rectifying the situation by significantly expanding death benefits to those who die or are killed in a combat zone. Congress is not only in agreement, many members think the president's proposal should be extended to all members of the armed forces, whether they die in a war zone or not.

Indeed, generosity should prevail. ... The president is right to recommend this change in death benefits. Congress, in a display of nonpartisan national gratitude, should make it even more generous by granting it to all men and women in uniform.

### Trains should run on time, safely The Sun News, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

For almost half a century, railroads have been the slightest child of the nation's transportation network, back-seated by a coast-to-coast interstate road system and commercial jet service.

Very little attention has been paid to railroads, despite that they remain the transportation lifeblood for many industries across the country.

Last month's awful train collision in Graniteville (S.C.) may have opened some eyes. A moving train hit a parked train and released a plume of chlorine gas on unsuspecting residents. It was the nation's worst chemical spill since 1978. Nine people died and 550 were injured, while some 5,400 residents were evacuated for several days.

Most experts say electronic switching devices, rather than the manual switches still in use, might have prevented the wreck. ... Our railway system is outdated, much of it running on a technology that is decades old. The demise of passenger service, save for limited Amtrak runs, has diverted all

sense of urgency from making railroads safe. Many tracks and switching stations are worn and vulnerable.

The nation has an obligation to make sure railroads get the same attention as other forms of transportation.

### U.S. can aid Mideast peace The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel

During his first term, President Bush's administration often took a hands-off approach to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. Finally, and fortunately, that is changing.

Mr. Bush has invited Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to the White House for separate meetings. And new Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made a statement about the administration's foreign-policy priorities for the new term by meeting with Mr. Sharon and Mr. Abbas during her first trip overseas. ...

No matter how dedicated Mr. Sharon and Mr. Abbas might be to peace, they are bound to run into roadblocks. By remaining engaged with the U.S. Department of State can help them reach their elusive but essential goal.

### More cleanup, less court time The Daily News, Longview, Wash.

Washington's battle to keep the federal government from turning the Hanford nuclear reservation into a toxic waste dump received a legal boost recently. U.S. District Judge Alan McDonald of Yakima barred the shipment of low-level radioactive waste — contaminated clothing and equipment known as transuranic waste — to Hanford unless it meets strict requirements set by the state.

The ruling is welcome. But it hardly qualifies as a big victory in Washington's long-running effort to force the federal government to keep its promises. And it could be temporary, should the U.S. Department of Energy pursue and win a reversal.

Our hope is that the DOE will let the federal judge's decision stand. Too many tax dollars already have been wasted on this and two other ongoing lawsuits — dollars that ought to have been applied to the cleanup.

## Suspect hooked

**MINNEAPOLIS** — A man was indicted in a string of bank robberies carried out by the Fishing Hat Bandit.

John Douglas Whitrock, 56, was charged with 21 counts of bank robbery and one count of attempted robbery.

Investigators said he was the holdup man in a floppy hat who stole more than \$87,000 in a rash of robberies in the Twin Cities area from 2003 to 2005.

He was arrested Jan. 7 after a robbery at a credit union in Edina.

## Hikers show up

**LOS ANGELES** — Two hikers reported missing on Mount Baldy reappeared, sparing rescuers from what was shaping up to be a difficult mission.

Clay Senecal, 23, and Jonathan Lemkin, 43, both of Los Angeles, returned to the base of the mountain under their own power 15 hours after they had been reported missing according to San Bernardino County sheriff's officials.

After heavy fog closed in, the pair decided it would be safer to spend the night on the mountain and hike back in the morning, sheriff's department spokeswoman Robin Haynal said.

Senecal and Lemkin emerged "cold and tired, but otherwise in good shape," according to sheriff's spokesman Chip Patterson.

## A horse named Tyson?

**AUGUSTA** — A man whose car was hit partially off by a stallion in a roadside pasture has filed a lawsuit against the Palermo stable owners for failing to warn passers-by the stallion was dangerous.

Paul Knickle says Dusty and Pamela Haskell should have known their stallion was dangerous and kept him away from a public road, according to a lawsuit filed on Knickle's behalf.

"He will need some cosmetic surgery and replacement of a piece of ear," said Jeffrey T. Edwards, Knickle's attorney.

According to the lawsuit, Knickle stopped to look at the livestock in corrals and feed carrots to the stallion. The stallion attacked Knickle as he stood on the public road, the lawsuit alleges.

J. William Drury Jr., the Haskell's attorney, said Knickle did not have permission to feed the horse.

## Mayor: Air still dirty

**HOUSTON** — State environmental officials say they are working to reduce high levels of pollution in neighborhoods near industrial plants in parts of Harris County.

However, Houston Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Alvarado told them she did not think they were taking the issue seriously enough.

"Frankly, I just don't know if you guys," Alvarado said Monday at a special City Council meeting concerning high concentrations of pollutants in Houston's air.

It was the first public appearance in the city of officials from

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the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality since they released data that showed some residents are at a greater risk of cancer from air pollutants.

The TCEQ officials said they have acted in communities where monitors showed high concentrations of pollution in 2003. They said they would keep working until the levels were safe.

## Repair money drying up

**DETROIT** — Money earmarked for road repairs is in jeopardy as parts of Michigan clean up after one of the heaviest January snowfalls on record.

Road officials in the southeast Michigan counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb estimate that their departments have used up as much as 75 percent of their winter maintenance funds. They say more heavy snow could curtail Detroit-area repair projects.

## Blinded by blue lights

**BOSTON** — It's no helicopter ride to the Berkshires, but Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey acknowledged that she was wrong to allow a state trooper to whisk her through traffic with blue lights flashing when there was no emergency.

Healey was en route to an ap-

pearance in Newton when her car hit stop-and-go traffic on Route 128 in Burlington. Her state police chauffeur used his emergency lights to force other motorists out of the way.

Healey told WBZ-AM the decision to use the emergency lights was made by her driver. "So in the future, I'm going to be much more observant about ... the decisions being made by the trooper," she said.

## Truly well-preserved

**MILWAUKEE** — Betty Ann Fischer has been old enough to buy liquor for more than 50 years. So the 71-year-old was a little surprised when a grocery store clerk asked her for some ID before selling her a bottle of wine.

The identification checks at all Pick 'N Save and Cops food stores in Wisconsin are part of a new policy by Roundy's Inc. requiring cashiers to check the age of everyone buying cigarettes or alcohol — regardless of whether they look 21 or 91.

"The first time it was a sweet young man, and I laughed because I thought he was trying to pay me a sweet compliment. But then he said, 'No, I'm serious,'" Fischer said. "I thought he was just joshing with me."

Roundy's said it started its "We Care Because We Care" program in its 57 stores in Wisconsin, nearly all of which are Pick 'N Save or Cops, to prevent underage drinking and tobacco use and to help local law enforcement. Instead, the policy has generated complaints from customers, newspaper columnists and even city officials.

## Election loss conceded

**RALEIGH** — The state agriculture commissioner conceded defeat in his re-election bid, months after a machine error left the contest in doubt.

The State Board of Election certified Republican Steve Troxler as the winner over incumbent Democrat Britt Cobb using the original results from the Nov. 2 election, giving Troxler 2,287 more votes than Cobb, out of more than 3.3 million cast.

"I think I could have gone through an appeals process for a long, long time," Cobb said. "But it was time for closure."

## Licensed for mischief

**SAND LAKE** — A boy drove his mother's car to a video store in the middle of the night, police said — and he's all of 4 years old.

Unable to reach the accelerator, the boy managed to put the car in gear and make his way to the store, a quarter-mile from his home, at about 1:30 a.m., Sand Lake Police Chief Doug Heugel said. Finding the store closed, the youngster began a slow trip home.

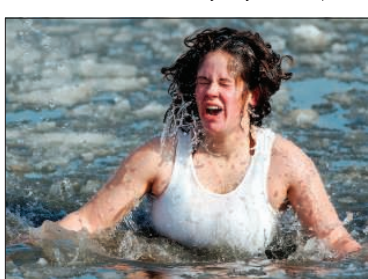
Weaving and with its headlights off, the car got the attention of Officer Jay Osga. He flipped on his lights when the car turned into the apartment complex and struck two parked cars. The boy put the car in reverse and struck Osga's cruiser.

No charges will be filed against the boy or his mother, Heugel said.



## Settling in

Knobi, a 25-year-old female orangutan, checks out her new home at the Great Ape Trust of Iowa, in Des Moines. Knobi came from the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Neb.



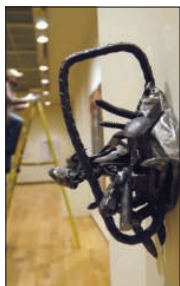
## Chilly dip

An unidentified woman takes a dip in Lake Ontario during the 5th Annual Polar Bear Plunge to raise money for the Special Olympics New York athletes, at Ontario Beach Park's Charlotte Beach in Rochester, N.Y. SONY set a new record with over 400 people participating, and raised more than \$53,000.



## McNuptials

Robert Kunkle puts a wedding ring on Yuki Sawada, as the two get married at a McDonald's in Broadheadville, Pa. Robert, who is taking his wife's last name, said the two got married at the fast-food restaurant because they "wanted something different."



## Retooled into art

A worker places museum lights behind a sculpture of welded steel and paint called "Kotoko" at the Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield, Mass. The piece is one of 65 works from "Tools as Art: The Hecinger Collection," works of art in sculpture, painting, photography and drawings owned by hardware industry pioneer John W. Hecinger.





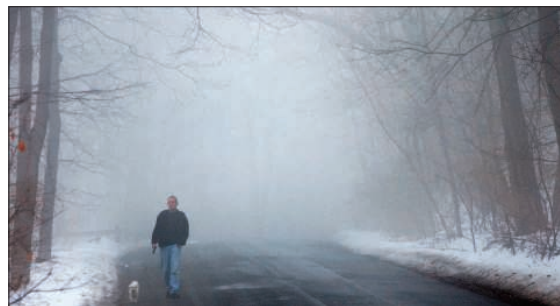
## Moving tribute

Jim Ellsworth, right, and his brother, Preston Ellsworth, prepare the front of Preston's 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air for the final portion of a giant vinyl decal of famous African Americans, in Kansas City, Kan. Jim's company, Foto FX, produces the oversized graphic images and other advertising products. "We'd like to take the car around to schools as an educational tool to acknowledge the achievements of Black America's past," said Jim.



## Daddy's limbo girl

Keith Hanson, right, of Boca Raton, Fla., watches as his 14-year-old daughter, Katherine, shuffles her way under a sponge limbo bar at the Boynton Beach Women's Club annual father-daughter dance in Boynton Beach, Fla.



## Can't see the forest for the fog

Leo Perrault walks his dog down a foggy road in Brighton, N.Y.

## Protecting pets' parts

**CA** WEST HOLLYWOOD — Leaders in this community known for its progressive views are trying to ban cosmetic surgery — for pets.

Mayor John Duran introduced a motion earlier this week that would prohibit ear cropping, tail docking, debarking, defanging and other surgical procedures performed on animals for "noncurative" reasons.

Such procedures, supporters say, hurt the animals to satisfy their owners' tastes. Already law in many European countries, the ban would be the first of its kind in the United States, Duran said.

## Orange you clever?

**ME** BANGOR — A University of Maine graduate student is using hundreds of navel oranges to learn more about circulation patterns in the Gulf of Maine and how they effect the ecology of seaweed.

Jessica Muhlin, 25, found that the genetic structure of brown algae growing in three spots along the Seaside Peninsula were the same, but was different at a fourth site. She wondered if circulation patterns were affecting the plant's genetic structure.

So she bought 500 oranges last fall, put an e-mail address and phone number on each one three weeks later by a lobbyist more than 30 miles away.

The Acadia National Park Service found two the next day. Four more were spotted to the north in Wonsquak Harbor. Another was retrieved three weeks later by a lobbyist more than 30 miles away.

"With the volume of ocean... I was amazed that I got any information back," Muhlin said.

## Man outwits lawyer

**NY** NEW YORK — A grand jury delivered the punch line for a senior citizen charged with disorderly conduct after telling lawyer jokes outside a Long Island courthouse: charge dismissed. No kidding.

On Monday, Harvey Kash, 70, testified before the grand jury that he was expressing his First Amendment rights in sharing a few lawyer jokes with a friend, Carl Lanziera, 65, as they stood on line waiting to get into the Nassau County courthouse last month.

"How do you tell when a lawyer is lying?" Kash had asked Lanziera. "His lips are moving," they howled in unison.

They say a lawyer farther up in the line told them to "shut up" and reported them to court officers, who arrested them.

## One ripe cheesehead

**WI** GREEN BAY — A Connecticut boy has been making good use of his Christmas present.

Since opening the gift — a Green Bay Packers jersey with quarterback Brett Favre's No. 4 — on Christmas Day 2003, 8-year-old David Witthoft has worn it 408 straight days.

"I just kept doing it for fun," said Witthoft, of Ridgefield, Conn. "Some of the kids at school said, 'You are weird' and stuff. But I'm not sure when I'll stop."

Witthoft told the Green Bay Press-Gazette that he wants a Guinness Book of Records mark for the most consecutive days wearing a Packers jersey.

The jersey isn't holding up as well as the boy's enthusiasm: The No. 4 has all but worn off and the seams are taking a beating.

## 2 charged in drug scam

**MO** KANSAS CITY — Two men have been charged in a multimillion dollar scheme to sell counterfeit and illegally imported Liptor. Three others have already been convicted in the plot.

A federal grand jury on Tuesday indicted Gregory Brocco, 38, of New York City, and Richard Goodman, 40, of Miami, on charges of conspiring to sell fake and illegally imported versions of the cholesterol-reducing drug.

Albers Medical Distributors Inc., of Kansas City, paid more than \$12.8 million for the illegal pharmaceuticals, U.S. Attorney Todd Graves said.

The conspirators allegedly bought genuine Liptor intended for distribution in South America and illegally imported it into the United States. They by shipper equipment and chemicals to Costa Rica and Honduras to manufacture counterfeit Liptor.

## Corn fuel pushed

**IA** DES MOINE — Supporters of ethanol say they want the state to require that gasoline sold in Iowa be blended with the corn-distilled alcohol, setting the stage for a battle with the petroleum industry.

Iowa Sen. President Jack Kibbie has drafted legislation that would require gas be mixed with at least 10 percent ethanol.

Ethanol is used as a fuel additive that reduces vehicle emissions and improves performance. Critics of the Iowa legislation argue that the ethanol industry is heavily subsidized and survives only through the clout of the farm lobby.

## Tax credit disputed

**SC** COLUMBIA — Gov. Mark Sanford's proposal to give tax credits to parents who send their children to private schools would take \$354 million from public schools, according to a report released by public school unions.

The report found each school district would lose \$4 million on average if the tax credit was fully implemented in five years. The report comes just one year after Clemson University professor who said public schools would save \$600 for each student who left for private schools.

## Pilot survives ice-capade

**VT** CHITTENDEN — Engine trouble forced a pilot from Barre to set his plane down on the frozen and snow-covered surface of Chittenden Reservoir.

Andre H. Chouinard, 74, the pilot, and only person aboard the single-engine Cessna plane, was not injured. The aircraft also avoided damage in the emergency landing.

"After it landed, I said to myself, 'How lucky can a guy get,'" Chouinard said. "You always figure it's never going to happen to you, but by golly, I'll tell you this was an eye-opener."

The reservoir had a few inches of snow on top of more than a foot of ice. Chouinard said the snow on the reservoir made for a manageable, if somewhat bumpy, landing for the roughly 1,200-pound plane.

Stories and photos from wire services

## YOUR MONEY

## Assess life insurance needs before separation

BY MITCH SWANDA

Special to Stars and Stripes

As most servicemembers know, separating from the military is more complicated than trading in cars for khakis. Transitioning to the civilian world can be a challenge, but it also can be an opportunity to revisit your plan to build financial security for the future. If separation is in your sights, don't overlook the need to replace one of the most important benefits you receive in the military — life insurance.

While on active duty, you are covered by Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI), which provides \$250,000 of life insurance coverage for you and the option to purchase \$100,000 coverage on your spouse. Since SGLI coverage does not extend beyond your military service, it's important to start shopping for a replacement life insurance policy at least three months before your separation date to ensure your loved ones remain protected.

One option is to convert your SGLI policy to five-year renewable term coverage with Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI), which will provide coverage up to \$250,000.

While some people, particularly those in poor health, may find VGLI coverage to be a good value, those who are healthy may find that VGLI costs are high when compared with commercial life insurance policy.

If you choose to explore life insurance options with other insurers, the first step is to determine how much coverage is right for you. Consider the following key areas:

**Coverage for you**

A general rule of thumb is that adequate life insurance protection should cover seven to 10 times your annual income, though more thorough calculations are recommended before purchasing a policy. Speaking with an insurance professional or financial advisor will help you estimate what immediate and ongoing expenses your family would have to cover if your income were lost.

A professional also can guide you in deciding whether a "term" or "permanent" life insurance policy best suits your goals. If you are a single adult with no dependents and no debt, you may discover that your best option is to forgo life insurance altogether.

**Coverage for spouses**

Even if your spouse doesn't earn an income, he or she is an important part of your family's financial security. The monetary cost of replacing household contributions such as child care, meal

**Two types of coverage**

**Term insurance:** Term insurance is similar to what you currently have through SGLI, although SGLI is only in force while you are on active duty. The policy amount is paid to your beneficiaries upon your death. This is known as a "death benefit." Coverage is for a contracted period or term; usually a specified number of years, or up to a specified age. Generally, term insurance gives you the largest immediate death benefit for the lowest premium dollar.

**Permanent insurance:** Within the framework of permanent insurance are Whole Life, Universal Life and Variable Universal Life. These types of policies are known as "cash value" insurance, where a portion of your premium goes into a cash fund that may grow every year on a tax-deferred basis. Upon your death, your beneficiaries receive the death benefit, which may be larger than the original policy amount. Premiums for permanent insurance are normally higher than those for term insurance.

Source: USAA

preparation and household tasks would be significant, and could be offset by even a minimal life insurance policy.

**Coverage for children**

The military began offering free coverage for servicemembers' children under SGLI in 2001. To replace this coverage, you may want to consider adding a "child rider" to your new policy. A child rider provides coverage for your children while they are dependent on you, and guarantees they will have the op-



Photos courtesy of USAA

**Above:** Servicemembers separating from the military have life insurance options available depending on personal needs. A "child rider" will cover children while they are dependents. **Below:** Coverage is available for both you and your spouse, even if your spouse does not earn an income.

tion of purchasing their own policies when they reach age 25, regardless of their health at that time.

**Replacing DIC**

In addition to SGLI, servicemembers also receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) coverage through the military. DIC is designed to assist surviving spouses and depen-

dent children of veterans whose deaths result from service-connected events while on active duty.

Depending on your salary and number of dependents, DIC can provide a significant monthly income over SGLI. Since DIC benefits are not available to you upon leaving the military (unless payments had already started prior to separation), you'll want to fac-

tor this potential income into your new life insurance policy.

Next, be sure to comparison shop your policy to help ensure you obtain the best product and price. Establishing life insurance coverage can be the beginning of a long-term relationship with the insurance company you choose, which means that selecting the right insurer is as important as purchasing the right type and level of coverage. Look for a company with excellent financial strength (measured by ratings agencies such as A.M. Best Company) and a track record of fair claims handling.

If you decide to purchase a new policy, apply before your separation date because it can take up to two months to underwrite a life insurance policy. And be sure not to cancel SGLI until the new policy has been issued and the first premium has been paid. Life insurance medical exams can sometimes uncover an unknown medical condition that could affect your insurability with a new provider.

Taking the time now to weigh your life insurance options carefully can help ensure financial peace of mind as you begin your civilian life.

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## SUN, FEB. 13

**Morning**  
12:00 "Shogi" Lesson/NHK Trophy "Shogi" Tournament (3)

**Afternoon**  
12:30 "Go" Lesson/NHK Trophy "Go" Tournament (3)

12:00 Tokyo International Marathon (8)  
13:00 Soccer: A3 Nissan Champions Cup 2005  
- Pohang Steelers F.C. vs. Yokohama F. Marinos (4)

2:35 Grand Sumo Special Tournament Pre-broadcast (1)

4:05 Grand Sumo Special Tournament (8)  
5:00 NHK Trophy Alpine Ski Jump (1)  
5:30 Auto Racing (12)

**Evening**  
7:00 News (1)  
7:50 U.S. Movie (1996): Very Bad Things (15)(42)

8:55 PGA European Tour: 2004 Heritage Highlights (42)

9:00 Classical Music: NKK Symphony Orchestra - Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in E-flat Major, Op. 67 "Emperor" (conductor: Alicia de Larrocha, conductor: Heinz Wallner) (3)

9:00 U.S. Movie (1997): Men in Black II (15)(42)

11:30 LPGA Tour: Women's World Cup of Golf - Final Round (42)

11:30 Friends (42)

12:10 Soccer: Serie A - Fiorentina vs. Parma (15)(42)

2:15 International Fighting UFL (12)

3:30 FIS World Snowboarding Championships Highlights (12)

3:45 Classical Music (1)

## MON, FEB. 14

**Morning**  
10:25 Korean Drama: Sangdo! Let's Go To School O.S.T. (4)

12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)  
1:30 U.S. Movie (1994): It Could Happen to You (20)(12)

**Evening**  
7:00 News (1)  
7:50 U.S. Movie (1994): It Could Happen to You (20)(12)

10:00 Nikita (42)

2:35 Japan Pro Bowling (8)

## TUE, FEB. 15

**Morning**  
10:25 Korean Drama: Sangdo! Let's Go To School O.S.T. (4)

12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)  
1:30 U.S. Movie (1994): Guarding Tess (20)(12)

**Evening**  
7:00 News (1)  
7:30 What I Like About You (3)

8:00 The Simpsons (42)

10:00 News (1)

## WED, FEB. 16

**Morning**  
10:25 Korean Drama: Sangdo! Let's Go To School O.S.T. (4)

**Afternoon**  
12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)  
1:30 U.S. Movie (1980): Peggy Sue Got Married (25)(12)

**Evening**  
7:00 News (1)  
7:00 Love Oliver Beene (3)(r)

7:25 Simple Rules (1)

10:00 News (1)  
10:00 America's Cup: Samura Takaumi (15)

11:15 FIFA All-Star Soccer: Samura Takaumi Relief Charity - European Selected vs. World Selected (10)

11:55 Soccer: A3 Nissan Champions Cup 2005 - Yokohama F. Marinos vs. Shenhua Jiangnan F.C. (4)

2:40 TV Series: Bull (6)

## THU, FEB. 17

**Morning**  
6:45 Between the Lions (3)  
7:30 Disney (12)

10:25 Korean Drama: Sangdo! Let's Go To School O.S.T. (4)

**Afternoon**  
5:50 U.S. Movie (1987): House of Games (12)(12)

**Evening**  
7:00 News (1)  
7:30 U.S. Movie (2002): Rollerball (15)(4)(12)

10:00 News (1)  
1:25 Football Club: Serie A/Premier/Liga Di-est (8)

1:59 NFL Club (4)  
2:29 Court News: ETERTNY (4)

2:37 Best Hits U.S.A. (10)

## FRI, FEB. 18

**Morning**  
7:30 Disney (12)

**Afternoon**  
5:50 News (1)  
7:00 Planet Rugby (42)

**Evening**  
7:00 News (1)  
7:30 U.S. Movie (1992): Patriots Games (2)(17)(8)

2:40 CBS Documentary (6)  
2:50 U.S. Movie (1985): D.A.R.E. (15)(10)(12)

3:40 Danish Football: Ballerup's Ballerup/Ballettes Gaudier (2)(10)(12)

## SAT, FEB. 19

**Afternoon**  
1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Noh & Kyogen (3)

1:30 Soccer: A3 Nissan Champions Cup - Suwon Samsung Bluewings F.C. vs. Yokohama F. Marinos (4)

1:55 All Japan Ladies' Eldiken (marathon) (12)

1:50 Japan Rugby Championship Semifinals (15)

4:30 Between the Lions (3)

**Evening**  
7:00 News (1)  
9:00 U.S. Movie (1997): The Last Movie: Jurassic Park (2)(4)(8)

12:45 E.R. VIII (1)  
1:30 U.S. Movie (1987): The Last Movie: Jurassic Park (2)(4)(8)

2:10 British Movie (2001): Enigma (2)(5)(8)  
2:20 NFL Football (4)

3:20 Korea, U.S. Movie (2002): Champion (1)(3)(12)

## MTV

## SUN, FEB. 13

**Morning**  
6:00 Happy St. Valentine's Day Weekend  
8:00 Crisp: Kimberly Stewart

8:30 Making the Video: Ashlee Simpson  
9:00 Rock On  
9:30 Screen  
10:00 Rocks  
11:00 Top Choice

11:30 Happy Birthday: Jessica Simpson Special (15)

12:00 Happy St. Valentine's Day Weekend  
1:00 Making the Video: Ashlee Simpson  
3:00 Screen  
3:30 Japan.COM News Chart Top 20 (2)(5)

**Evening**  
8:00 Japan Chart Express Powered by Honda  
8:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry  
10:00 Happy St. Valentine's Day Weekend  
11:00 Happy St. Valentine's Day Weekend  
1:00 Live: Manic Street Preachers  
1:30 Live: The Roots and Friends  
2:00 Classic '90s  
3:00 Fresh  
3:30 After Hours

## MON, FEB. 14

**Morning**  
6:00 Wake Up  
7:00 M-Site Friday  
8:00 Top Choice  
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1:30 Top Choice  
1:50 Top Choice

**Afternoon**  
1:00 Rocks  
1:30 Classic  
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11:40 U.S. British Movie (1973): The Long Goodbye (15)

**Afternoon**  
1:30 U.S. Movie (1980): Cool Miller's (15)(42)

3:40 U.S. Movie (2002): The Hours (15)(42)

5:40 U.S. Movie (2003): The Matrix Reloaded (2)(2)

**Evening**  
8:00 U.S. Movie (2003): The Matrix Reloaded (2)(2)

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# AM WEEKLY RADIO

## JAPAN — KANTO

### EAGLE 810

#### Morning (Sun)

7:55 Religious Programming

12:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)

#### Afternoon

12:00 American Country Countdown

4:00 A Prairie Home Companion

#### Evening

6:00 Focus on the Family

3:00 Travel Radio

7:00 Dr. Laura

8:00 Beale Street Caravan

9:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

12:00 2-Z Rock (Alternative/Mon-Fri)

2:00 Sports Overnight America

4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation (Tue-Fri)

4:00 NPR On the Media (Mon)

5:00 NPR Live on Earth (Mon)

#### Morning (Mon-Fri)

6:00 Eagle 810 Morning Show (Contemporary Hits)

7:57 Paul Harvey News and Commentary

7:20 Pacific Report

7:20 Paul Harvey Best of the Story

7:20 Eagle 810 News

7:30 Zama Commander's Corner (1st Friday)

Yokota Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Friday)

Yokota/USCJ Chief's Corner (3rd Friday)

10:00 Retf. Call (7:5, 8:05, 9:05)

#### Afternoon

12:25 Pacific Report

12:47 Paul Harvey News and Commentary

12:21 Air Force Radio News

2:00 Top 40 Music

4:00 Traffic Jamz (Current Chart Hits)

4:05 Pacific Report

4:07 AFN Sportspage

4:12 Paul Harvey Best of the Story

#### Evening

6:00 from the Bench Live Sports (Wed)

7:00 NPR's Morning Edition Live

Yokokusa Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday)

8:00 Rush Limbaugh

9:00 The Touch (Urban); Mon/Country; Tue/Pure Gold (Oldies); Wed/rock of the 60s (Classic Rock); Thu/The Touch (Urban); Fri

12:00 2-Z Rock (Alternative)

2:00 Sports Overnight America

2:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live

#### Morning (Sat)

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered Live

8:00 Car Talk

9:00 Kim Komando

10:00 Classic Rock

#### Afternoon

12:00 Rick Deck's Weekly Top 40

12:00 2-Z Rock (Alternative)

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8:00 Rush Limbaugh

9:00 Parent's Journal

10:00 Chris's Talk

11:00 Sports Overnight America

#### Afternoon

12:00 Adult Rock

4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

#### Evening

10:00 The Touch (Urban)

10:00 The Touch (Urban)

3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

#### Morning (Mon-Fri)

6:00 Morning Air Strike

6:30 Paul Harvey News

7:10 Horoscope

7:30 Inside Inwaku Radio News

8:30 Best of the Story

8:35 David Letterman/Leno

9:00 Country Call Up

10:00 Bright Adult/Classic Oldies (Oldies)

11:00 Urban Assault

10:00 2-Z Rock (Oldies/Fri)

2:00 The Afterburner

2:30 Inside Inwaku Radio News

2:30 Best of the Story

2:35 Pacific Report

3:30 Paul Harvey News

4:30 AFN Sportspage

4:00 departure Time

#### Evening

7:00 Fresh Air

7:00 The Rock Show (Mon/Old School)

(Thu/The Mosh Pit (Fri)

12:00 2-Z Rock

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6:00 Matt in the Morning

9:00 Hot AC

#### Afternoon

12:00 Classic Rock

3:00 Edge Afternoon Radio

6:00 Country

8:00 R&B

7:00 Hot AC

#### Morning (Fri)

12:00 2-Z Rock

2:00 Classic Rock

4:00 Sports Overnight America

5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Matt in the Morning

9:00 Fastback

11:00 Hot AC

12:00 Classic Rock

1:00 Inside the Line

3:00 That Country Show

#### Evening

6:00 Classic Rock

8:00 R&B

10:00 Hot AC

#### Morning (Sat)

12:00 2-Z Rock

2:00 Classic Rock

4:00 Hot AC

6:00 Classic Rock

8:00 Car Talk

9:00 Saturday Retro

12:00 Rick Deck

3:00 Nuestra Musica

5:00 Kim Komando

#### Evening

6:00 Kim Komando

7:00 2-Z Rock

9:00 Hot AC

## JAPAN — SASEBO

### THUNDER RADIO 1575

#### Morning (Sunday)

12:00 Top 40

4:00 Sports

7:00 Religious Programming

10:00 Focus on the Family

12:00 The Environmental Show

11:00 Savvy Traveler

#### Afternoon

12:00 American Country Countdown

4:00 Top 40

2:00 Classic Rock

6:00 Classic Rock

8:00 2-Z Rock

#### Morning (Mon-Fri)

12:00 Soft Hits

5:00 Rush Limbaugh

7:00 Country

#### Afternoon

12:00 "The Jam" w/ Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and Fri)

12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu)

3:00 "The Rush"

#### Evening

# Walter Scott's Personality PARADE

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Don't sell these performers short because of their looks. Avril Lavigne (bottom left), Norah Jones (left), Sheryl Crow (upper left) and Alicia Keys (above) have talent that should stand the test of time.

**Q** Pop singers like Jessica Simpson, Britney Spears and Jennifer Lopez can't hold a candle to voices from the past like Ella Fitzgerald. Where are today's song stylists? — Ray Scott, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

**A** We agree that Jessica, Britney and J. Lo have limited range and interpretive abilities. But give a listen to Norah Jones, Alicia Keys, Avril Lavigne and Sheryl Crow. All are Billboard chart-toppers whose talents are more than skin-deep.

**Q** Doesn't former boxing champ George Foreman have anything better to do than hawk grills? — Dan Nanni, Aspen, Colo.

**A** In fact, he does. Foreman, 56, invites disadvantaged kids to his Texas ranch. "I grew up watching Roy Rogers films and fantasizing about riding the range," he says. "Now I raise exotic horses." You can see George in the saddle next Saturday on the DIY Network's "Celebrity Hobies."

**Q** What's the first name of Newman, the postman on Seinfeld? — Marilyn Davidson, Burlington, Wis.

**A** "Newman never had a first name," Seinfeld co-creator Larry David tells us. The rotund postman — played by Wayne Knight, 49 — was called "Norman" by a woman in an episode titled "The Bottle Deposit." But that was an error, left in because it was funny.

**Q** I'm a big fan of Court TV's forensic-science show "Body of Evidence." Is host Dayle Hinman still an active criminal profiler? — Frances Rosenbaum, New York, N.Y.

**A** No. Hinman, 52, retired as a special agent and coordinator of Florida's criminal analysis/profiling program. "I was one of just 23 female profilers in the world," she tells us. "I trained 19 years ago with the FBI." Now she trains profilers for an international group, and Court TV just signed her for three more seasons.

**Q** My friend says the first song performed on a televised Grammy show was "Joy to the World." I say it was "Everything Is Beautiful." Who's right? — Betty Hawari, San Pedro, Calif.

**A** You are. The Osmonds kicked off the first live national Grammy telecast in 1971 with "Everything Is Beautiful." And one man — Pierre Cossette — has produced every Grammy show since then. "I can't read music or carry a tune," Cossette, 80, tells us. "But I have a great ear, which I got from my mother, who was a concert pianist." The Grammys air Sunday on CBS stateside. Check your schedule for AFN programming plans.

**Q** Before our invasion in March 2003, did anyone in the military warn Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld that he didn't have enough boots on the ground to pacify Iraq after the war? — Dean L., Austin, Texas

**A** Yes. Army chief of staff Gen. Eric Shinseki, 62, said it would take "several hundred thousand soldiers" — not the 140,000 Rumsfeld planned. Rumsfeld already had made Shinseki a lame duck (he retired in June 2003), and this added to the antipathy between the two.

**Q** I caught "The Dog Whisperer" on the National Geographic Channel. Is its star, Cesar Millan, really that good? — Janice Grace, Tempe, Ariz.

**A** Yes. As a farmboy in Mexico, Cesar vowed to become the world's best dog trainer. After a season on "Dog Whisperer," he has convinced a legion of followers. "Humans must make their dogs work for affection," he tells us. "My rules are: first exercise, then discipline, then affection." When not on TV, Millan, 35, practices canine rehabilitation at The Dog Psychology Center of Los Angeles.

**Q** What is Eva Marie Saint, one of my favorite stars, up to these days? — Teresa Martino, New York, N.Y.

**A** Still vibrant at 80, she stars with Jeff Daniels in the film "Because of Winn-Dixie," opening this week. Next up is "Don't Come Knocking," a movie with Sam Shepard. "I don't believe in retiring," says Saint, who's best remembered as the innocent Edie in 1954's "On the Waterfront." "You live longer if you keep going."

**Q** Now that Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt have gone their separate ways, who'll get their \$13 million Beverly Hills mansion? — Natalie Young, Los Angeles, Calif.

**A** Maybe neither of them. Renovating that mansion (with Pitts baby nursery) was a two-year labor of love for Pitt, 41, who dreamed of raising a family there. Aniston, 36, reportedly has moved out already. Who knows? Brad may feel the same way about a place with such sad memories. He still has a Hollywood Hills house that Jen never liked.

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Brad and Jen's assets, including their \$13 million Beverly Hills mansion, are still up for grabs.



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Simon Cowell, center, speaks to the media Jan. 17 with fellow "American Idol" judges Randy Jackson, left, and Paula Abdul at the Television Critics Association winter press tour in Los Angeles. The acid-tongued Cowell and "Idol" recently began their fourth season on Fox.

## Music biz veteran Cowell not resting on 'Idol' stardom

BY JILL LAWLESS  
The Associated Press

LONDON — After more than two decades working his way up — behind the scenes — in the music industry, Simon Cowell sits center stage.

Cowell's withering putdowns of the overconfident and underentertained — first on Britain's "Pop Idol," then on "American Idol," which began its fourth season in the States on Jan. 18 — have made him a celebrity on both sides of the Atlantic.

They also have made him very rich. He's worth a reported \$85 million, thanks partly to a deal that lets him sign "Pop Idol" winners to his own record label. "Idol" creator Simon Fuller handles their management and merchandising.

Cowell's success is built on a highly telegraphic personality, plus a bluntness that has attracted and appalled millions of viewers and seen him nicknamed "Mr. Nasty" by the press.

"You sang like a ventriloquist's dummy," he told one hapless musical hopeful. To another, "My advice would be: If you want to pursue a career in the music business, don't."

Cowell, 45, says he's simply being honest. "My job is to try and say what I think the audience are thinking at home," Cowell said. "What I've said from day one on 'American Idol' is, it doesn't matter how many people turn up, only two are going to be any good. So why give everybody else false hope, because it's such a tough business."

Cowell should know. He has fought his share of battles in a career that — as Cowell's biography on the "American Idol" Web site puts it — "shaped what we consider to be modern pop music today."

scored multiple No. 1 singles in Britain and Europe.

Cowell showed a knack for working the kitschy, cartoony end of the pop spectrum, overseeing hit singles for a pair of TV actors called Robson and Jerome and for the Teletubbies.

He says that populist touch has served him well.

"Part of the reason the music business has had problems are the so-called experts not giving the public what they want," Cowell said. "The public doesn't always want perfection. There's something else — it's the Barry

ing process of a group on TV."

He has since changed his mind, but still insists: "I wasn't particularly interested in being on television. I never really went into this — unlike a lot of people who judge these shows — to be a personality per se."

A personality, however, is what he has become.

In Britain, Cowell is fodder for the tabloids, who note his penchant for high-waisted trousers and exhort him to marry long-term TV reporter and long-suffering — girlfriend Terri Seymour.

The Internet is home to a clutch of Cowell

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Cowell has little patience with critics who say "Idol" winners are disposable creations manipulated by sycophants like himself and Fuller. He says the success of Aiken, the geeky 2003 "American Idol" runner-up, exemplifies the show's unpredictable appeal.

"Clay Aiken has been and probably will be the biggest-selling 'Idol' artist ever — and he didn't fit the mold. He just so happened to be what the public wanted."

There have been misses as well as hits on Cowell's career.

He famously failed to sign the Spice Girls, and didn't spot the potential in Take That, Britain's biggest boy band of the 1990s.

Cowell did not immediately see the allure of talent-show TV, either, turning down the chance to appear on "Popstars," a British forerunner to "Pop Idol," because, as he told an audience at the Edinburgh International Television Festival in August, "I did not think we should be showing the manufactur-

er sites, as well as one that allows you to punch him. He has received one of pop culture's highest accolades — appearing as himself on an episode of "The Simpsons."

Cowell signed a three-year deal with "American Idol" in 2003 and has set up his own TV production company. His latest venture is "X Factor," a star-search show in Britain on which he acts as fellow judge and sparing partner to Sharon Osbourne. (Cowell is being sued by Fuller, who considers the show an "Idol" copycat.)

Cowell says he's reluctant to plan far into the future.

He hopes his celebrity will help drive future TV projects, but says, "I don't think I'll be on the shows. I'd rather be in the background."

As for "American Idol," he says: "Some people say yes, of course it's got a finite life and all good things have to come to an end. There's another argument that says maybe this is the musical Super Bowl. Maybe it could run for 20 years."

## Moore just a T-shirt girl

T-shirts. Everyone's got them, but no one has enough.

Pop star **Mandy Moore** created her own line and label, Mblen, so that she

could have an unlimited supply of "functional, casual and sexy" T's.

"It all evolved from the fact that I'm totally the jeans and T-shirt girl," Moore said.

For Moore, whose screen credits include "The Princess Diaries" and "Chasing Liberty," fit comes first.

"I'm a tall girl (5-foot-10), so I'm always searching for the perfect jeans and T-shirt," the 20-year-old singer-actress said.

Her Mblen shirts, which are priced at about \$50, are available in some of her favorite color combinations, including orange and brown and pink and brown, printed with lyrics of some of her favorite classic rock songs.

## Track star Jones sued

A North Carolina nursery has filed a lawsuit against Olympic track star **Marion Jones**, contending she owes \$188,000 for landscaping services provided at her Chatham County home.

The lawsuit claims Reba & Ross submitted a request for final payment last July and Jones refused to comply. Jones, who won three gold and two bronze medals at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, is also involved in litigation stemming from the high-profile BALCO steroids case. Jones has filed a \$25 million federal defamation lawsuit against Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative founder Victor Conte.

## Trading priesthood for rock

**Jack White** of the White Stripes recently traded his signature red-and-white outfits for a priest's robe and collar.

As a young teen, the rocker was nearly on the road to divinity school when an amplifier changed his mind.

"I'd got accepted to the seminary in Wisconsin and I was going to become a priest, but at the last second I thought, 'I'll just go to public school,'" White, 29, said in an interview on the CBS news program "60 Minutes" Wednesday. "I had just gotten a new amplifier in my bedroom and I didn't think I was allowed to take it with me."

## Martin donates to museum

Entertainer **Steve Martin** donated \$1 million to the American art collection at The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens.

The gift is seen as a boon for a department traditionally overshadowed by the California

museum's European collections. Additionally, a new gallery opening this spring will eventually double the exhibition space for American art.

Martin is a serious art collector whose acquisitions have included works by **Roy Lichtenstein**, **Pablo Picasso**, **Edward Hopper** and **Georges Seurat**.

Stories and photos from wire services



Moore



Martin

# Grammys losing steam, still important

BY CHRIS MACIAS

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee

The Grammy Awards are what the record business still calls "music's biggest night."

But do you really care?

As mass media continues to fragment, the Grammys could be in danger of becoming just another music awards show. Contenders for your time include the MTV Video Music Awards, American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards,

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Vibe

Awards,

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Awards, People's Choice Awards, Country Music Television Awards and BET Awards.

And the Grammys won't have a lock on attracting A-list performers anymore. Alicia Keys, Usher and Gwen Stefani were featured at 2004's American Music Awards. MTV's third annual TRL Awards, airing Feb. 21, will showcase such Top 40 kingpins as Good Charlotte, Eminem, Kanye West and Destiny's Child.

Amid the glut of music awards extravaganzas, the Grammys remain infamous for slighting cutting-edge artists and favoring middle-of-the-road picks.

Consider that:

■ In 1994, when grunge ruled the world, Grammy's album of the year was Tony Bennett's "MTV Unplugged."

■ Hip-hop just celebrated its 30th anniversary, but rap music didn't win Grammy's album of the year until 1999.

But for all the Grammy griping, the ceremonies still do matter. The Grammys are vying to keep your attention and gain in relevance as they get more in touch with younger tastes and shed a few gray hairs.

"It's the granddaddy of [music] awards shows," says Geoff Mayfield, director of charts and a senior analyst with Billboard magazine. "It sets the standards of other awards shows and is deep-seated in the public's mind. And the public realizes that it's an affirmation of artistic achievement."

A 25-member panel was formed in 1994 to make sure that nominees in top Grammy categories were more in step with critical and popular tastes. The kind of acts that once were too edgy for Grammy's top prize, such as Radiohead, Beck and Smashing Pumpkins, soon were contending for (though not winning) album of the year. Green Day's pop-punk concept album, "American Idiot," is up for Grammy's top prize this year.

And hip-hopers are finally going to the head of the class. OutKast nabbed album of the year in 2004.

Ratings for the 2004 Grammys were its highest since 2001, attracting 26.3 million viewers. Those are roughly the same numbers as an episode of "Desperate Housewives," but 10 million fewer viewers than 2005's "American Idol" debut.

"As recently as 10 years ago, the American Music Awards frequently got better ratings than the Grammys," says Paul Grein, a Grammy

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historian. "And then the Grammys started pulling ahead. It's not the Oscars, but it's certainly as big as the Emmys — maybe even bigger."

Even bigger changes are being felt at the cash register.

Norah Jones, who won five Grammys in 2003, saw sales of her "Come Away With Me" album jump 331 percent in the week following the Grammys. It was the biggest "Grammy bump" ever, selling more than 621,000 copies in the seven days following the Grammys. That was more than 500,000 more albums than she'd sold in the week leading to the Grammys.

Grammy nominations and wins

from Diana Krall, Macy Gray and Jill Scott also prompted sales lifts. This year, Kanye West enjoyed an 80 percent sales increase following the announcement of Grammy nominations in December.

"Most awards shows promote sales spikes," says Billboard's Mayfield. "The American Music Awards do. The [MTV] VMAs do. But none get as much for just being nominated as the Grammys. They have more impact now than they did 10 years ago."



Rapper Kanye West enjoyed an 80 percent increase in sales following Grammy nominations.

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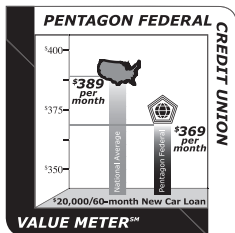


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**Tide Table**

	Today	High Tide	Tomorrow	
<b>Mainland Japan</b>				
Yokosuka	7:48 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:43 p.m.
Sasebo	11:21 a.m.	11:40 p.m.	11:46 a.m.	none
<b>Korea</b>				
Cheju Island/Sogwipo	1:37 a.m.	1:58 p.m.	2:16 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Kunsan	6:39 a.m.	6:49 p.m.	7:14 a.m.	7:19 p.m.
Okinae, Naha	10:11 a.m.	10:24 p.m.	10:40 a.m.	11:10 p.m.
Guam, Apra Harbor	10:58 a.m.	11:15 p.m.	11:25 a.m.	none
<b>Mainland Japan</b>				
Yokosuka	1:28 a.m.	1:48 p.m.	1:53 a.m.	2:27 p.m.
Sasebo	5:12 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	5:43 a.m.	6:16 p.m.
<b>Korea</b>				
Cheju Island/Sogwipo	9:03 a.m.	9:34 p.m.	9:20 a.m.	9:49 p.m.
Kunsan	1:03 a.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:36 a.m.	1:52 p.m.
Okinae, Naha	3:55 a.m.	4:23 p.m.	4:26 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Guam, Apra Harbor	4:39 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:19 a.m.	6:22 p.m.

\* For tides at other sites apply minutes below to Naha tides:  
 Sakai, Ono Wan: -39, Sasebo Spout: +11 high and low tide  
 Utsun Koi: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.

**SEOUL**

Today 36/25	Monday 44/32
Clouds, increasing sun	Rather cloudy

**SHANGHAI**

Today 47/17	Monday 49/46
Clouds and sun; chilly	Overcast; rain likely

**HONG KONG**

Today 65/61	Monday 67/63
Sun and clouds	Cloudy with some rain

**BANGKOK**

Today 96/78	Monday 96/78
Sweltering	Heat wave

**SINGAPORE**

Today 92/77	Monday 92/77
Partly sunny; hot	Hot once again

**MANILA**

Today 97/73	Monday 97/73
Partly sunny	Partly sunny

**OKINAWA**

Today 72/65	Monday 72/65
A few showers	Mostly cloudy; breezy

**GUAM**

Today 85/75	Monday 85/75
Breezy; brief showers	A few gusty showers

**KWAJALEIN**

Today 87/78	Monday 87/78
Windy; a few showers	A few gusty showers

**NORTHERN JAPAN**

Today 27/13	Monday 24/15
Snowy and cold	Cold with snow; heavy bunits

**TOKYO**

Today 44/32	Monday 44/36
Chilly; bit of snow and rain	Partly sunny

**SOUTHERN JAPAN**

Today 49/35	Monday 52/43
Partly sunny and cool	Thickening clouds

As of 7 a.m. Saturday, Tokyo time

### Extended Forecasts

## TOKYO

Tuesday: Showers,  
high 49, low 38.  
Wednesday: Showers,  
high 60, low 51.

**KADENA**

Tuesday: Thunderstorms, high 75, low 69.  
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 77, low 67.

**SEOUL**

Tuesday: Ice,  
high 43, low 28.  
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy,  
high 48, low 28.

MANILA

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 73.  
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 73.

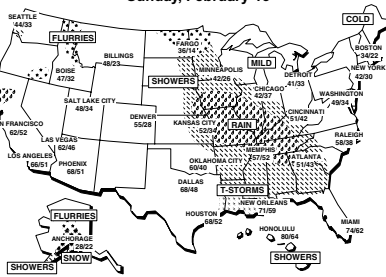
## HAGATNA

Tuesday: Showers,  
high 85, low 75.  
Wednesday: Showers,  
high 85, low 75.

### Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Bouquet	50/38	Los Angeles	67/55
Amarrillo	53/42	Little Rock	67/43
Anchorage	19/10	Louisville	64/47
Asheville	44/24	Miami	64/47
Baltimore	46/26	Milwaukee	57/27
Birmingham	52/34	Nashville	32/22
Bismarck	52/16	New York	40/30
Boise	44/24	Omaha	54/38
Boston	52/18	Orlando	58/37
Brownsville	39/25	Philadelphia	43/32
Buffalo	62/65	Phoenix	66/49
Burlington	52/31	Pittsburgh	41/37
Charlotte	52/31	Portland, ME	57/47
Charleston	50/28	Portland, OR	57/47
Chicago	30/29	Salt Lake City	51/41
Columbus, OH	33/28	St. Louis	51/41
Duluth	39/21	San Antonio	58/42
El Paso	54/48	San Diego	68/55
Harlingen	39/23	San Juan	62/27
Helena	44/24	San Jose	65/47
Indianapolis	59/25	Tampa	62/44
Jacksonville	57/40	Washington, DC	60/40
Kansas City	54/35	Wichita	60/40

**Sunday, February 13**



### U.S. Extended Forecast

Sunshine will return to the Southwest Sunday as the rain and associated storm system move into the Mississippi Valley and Midwest. At the same time, colder air will filter into the Plains as a cold front drops southward. As the colder air interacts with the northern fringe of the precipitation, some flurries will occur across the Dakotas and Minnesota. Meanwhile, dry weather will stretch from Maine to Florida. A milder day is in store for the Southeast, while a cold dome of high pressure will sink into the Northeast. The dry weather will be short-lived across the East as some rain moves into the region on Monday.

### Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Bangkok	96/78	Iwakuni	46/31	Sasebo NB	47/38
Beijing	36/29	Kadena AB	67/59	Sapporo	27/13
Camp Casey	39/21	Kunsan AB	40/31	Seoul	39/25
Christchurch	55/48	Kwajalein	47/38	Shanghai	42/35
Diego Garcia	87/77	Manila	87/73	Singapore	92/77
Hagatna	85/75	Misawa AB	29/17	Sydney	74/56
Hanoi	67/61	Osan	40/24	Taegu	42/28
Hong Kong	55/61	Osaka	61/50	Taipei	48/35
Honolulu	80/64	Pusan	43/34	Tokyo	44/32

### Sunday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Acapulco	91/73	Budapest	46/34	Kabul	38/20	Nairobi	85/54
Athens	60/53	Buenos Aires	82/68	Kiev	31/30	New Delhi	73/47
Auckland	72/56	Cairo	60/40	Kuwait	63/42	Oslo	33/24
Baghdad	54/30	Cancun	81/67	London	42/32	Paris	46/35
Batavia	87/68	Cape Town	73/53	Madrid	39/30	Rio de Janeiro	65/39
Barcelona	63/40	Geneva	43/34	Mexico City	75/48	Rome	62/36
Berlin	34/22	Istanbul	47/45	Montreal	20/12	St. Petersburg	39/22
Bermuda	60/54	Jerusalem	76/50	Nagashino	30/18	Tokyo	33/23
Bussels	96/28	Johannesburg	81/54	Norfolk	17/11	Wash DC	38/23



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Fans watch from the deck of a home as actor Bill Murray sizes up a shot on the fourth hole of the Spyglass Hill Golf Course during Thursday's first round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament.

## Mickelson hits long, scores low at Pebble

The Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Phil Mickelson keeps hitting it long and going low.

Fresh off a career-low 60 last week in Phoenix that led to his first victory of the year, Mickelson broke the course record at Spyglass Hill — the toughest layout in the three-course rotation — with a 10-under 62 on Thursday in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Mickelson took advantage of pristine conditions on the Monterey Peninsula, with a brilliant blue sky and only a trace of wind that made Pebble Beach, Spyglass and Poppy Hills so tame that more than half the 180-man field broke par.

Mickelson's 62 was two shots better than the previous course record at Spyglass, last set by David Berganio four years ago.

And as always, he was a thrill a minute.

One birdie came out of a bed of ice plant on the fourth hole.

Another came on the 527-yard seventh hole, when Mickelson hit a 6-iron off the cart path to the edge of the green and easily got up and down. He hit driver on the 325-yard 17th hole that left him 8 yards from the front of the green, leading to a tap-in birdie.

### Golf roundup

A 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole gave Mickelson a three-shot lead over Davis Love III, Charles Howell III, Kevin Sutherland, Daniel Chopra and Hunter Mahan.

**Fasth matches course record, leads New Zealand Open**

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Sweden's Niclas Fasth matched the course record with a 9-under 63 on Friday to take a two-stroke lead in the New Zealand Open.

Fasth, one of three players to match the course record seven years ago by Scott Verplank, had a 16-under 128 total on the Golf Harbor Country Club course.

**Italy, Canada start fast in Women's World Cup**

GEORGE, South Africa — Italy's Diana Luna and Giulia Sergas reeled off nine birdies between them to grab a share of the lead with Canada at 7-under 66 in the \$1 million Women's World Cup of Golf on Friday.

Three shots back at 69 was the American team of Meg Mallon and Beth Daniel. The U.S. team posted four birdies on the front nine but was blanked on the back.

# Talks break off, leaving little hope for NHL season

By IRA PODELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The weekend has arrived and the death watch on the NHL season has begun.

Commissioner Gary Bettman's deadline for reaching a deal with the players' association is rapidly approaching. If there's no agreement before Monday, he is expected to pull the plug on the season that never was.

When he would do that is anyone's guess, but it should come soon.

"I don't know what he's waiting for," Los Angeles center Sean Avery said.

Representatives from several teams told The Associated Press on Friday they had not yet been given word or warning from the NHL to get ready for the cancellation of the season. They do expect notification from the league before such action is taken.

Bettman already has the authority to cancel the season. He hoped to make a deal this weekend that would allow for a 28-game schedule and a full 16-team postseason.

So the hockey world keeps waiting — nothing new at all in the five-month lookout that has left 824 of the 1,230 regular-season games. That number won't officially grow before Tuesday because the NHL was supposed to be holding its All-Star weekend in Atlanta.

But this weekend will be anything but a celebration. Barring a



Daly

radical change in the philosophical positions of the sides regarding a salary cap, no deal will be reached and no hockey will be played.

The NHL then would gain the distinction of being the first major North American sports league to miss an entire season because of a labor dispute.

And if the atmosphere doesn't change, the stalemate could stretch well into next season — that is, if the NHL doesn't impose its salary-cap system through the courts.

If that course is taken, then this season's lockout likely would turn into next season's strike while the NHL tries to reopen with replacement players.

"Our position has been very consistent throughout that the possibility of unilateral implementation and the use of replacement players, potentially, next season, was not something that we were planning and not something that we were focused on," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said Thursday. "Our 100 percent focus was on negotiating a new agreement."

But Daly said many options would have to be considered if a negotiated deal can't be reached.

Players' association senior director Ted Saskin declined to comment on potential legal issues.

More than half of the 700-plus NHL players have spent at least part of this season in European leagues, but they would have several options next season — go overseas or elect to cross the line to play in the new-NHL that would have a link between league revenues and player costs.

With no season or playoffs to

save, the next deadline would be in June when the NHL usually holds its entry draft. If there isn't a collective bargaining agreement in place, there can't be a draft.

Even the prospect of losing an entire season wasn't enough to force anyone to give in on the critical issue of cost certainty, then it's hard to imagine the draft would push the NHL or the players' association over the edge, either.

The way things ended Thursday — the second straight day of talks in Toronto — it appeared neither side was ready to get back to the table any time soon.

That round of discussions started Wednesday when Bettman and Daly asked players' association executive director Bob Goodenow and Saskin to meet with them.

The league then offered what it called a "compromise proposal" and laid out a deadline to save the season.

Neither action was very effective.

The plan set forth quickly was rejected by the union because it presented a way for the league to get its hard salary cap in very short order.

All that had to happen was for one of four financial limits to be exceeded, and the league's operating system, would transfer from the union's luxury-tax offer to the NHL's cost-certainty proposal that was rejected twice before.

Of the four ways the cap could be triggered, Goodenow said one would kick in immediately and another was virtually certain. The other two wouldn't be hard to reach either, he said, especially if the owners who want the cap could manipulate their payrolls to get it.

Once that offer was turned down and not revisited Thursday, both sides dug in their heels and said they would not be reaching out to the other this weekend.

They were done, and the season seemed likely to follow.

### NHL lockout at a glance

**Total days of lockout:** 145.  
**Total days of season missed:** 122.  
**Total games missed:** 824 of the 1,230 regular-season games, plus the 2005 All-Star Game.

**Date:** The NHL told the players' association on Wednesday that a deal would have to be reached by this weekend in order for there to be a season.

**Negotiations:** The NHL and players' association on Wednesday said a deal would have to be reached by this weekend in order for there to be a season. Neither side said it was preparing to reach out to the other or make any new offers in the near future.



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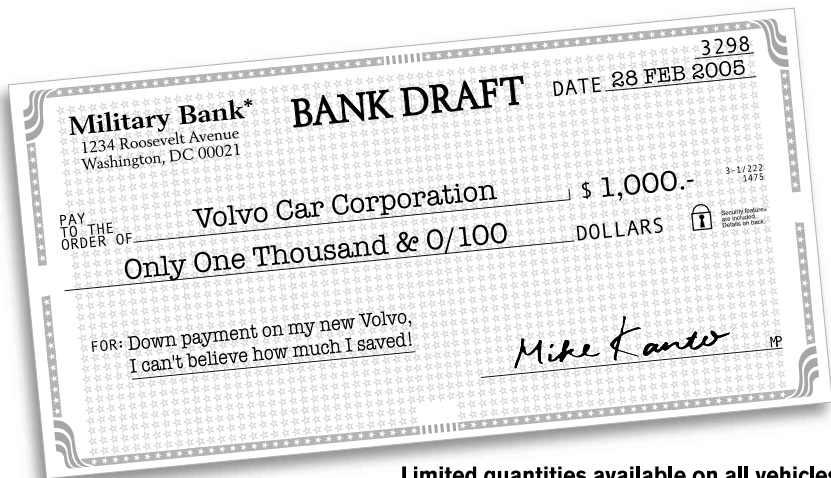
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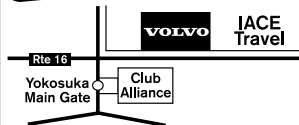
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# Oswalt signs 2-year, \$16.9M deal with Astros

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Right-hander Roy Oswalt and the Houston Astros avoided arbitration by agreeing Thursday to a two-year, \$16.9 million contract.

Oswalt, who had a hearing date next week, had asked for a raise from \$3,425,000 to \$7.8 million and was offered \$6 million by the Astros. He won career-high 20 games last season.

## MLB briefs

"Roy established himself as one of the best pitchers in the game in 2004," Astros General Manager Tim Lincecum said. "He has been a vital part of our success on the mound for the last four years, and we look forward to his continued success in 2005."

Oswalt went 20-10 with a 3.49 ERA last season. He was the eighth Astros pitcher to win 20 games in a season. He also struck out 206 batters.

In four seasons with Houston, Oswalt is 63-27 with a 3.11 ERA in 120 games.

## Schilling's bloody sock goes Hall of Fame

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — The Hall of Fame now has the ultimate red sock to commemorate Boston's first World Series title in 86 years.

Curt Schilling donated the bloody sock he wore during Game 2 of the World Series to the Hall of Fame on Thursday. The sock is part of a Red Sox exhibition celebrating the team's four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Schilling's sock joins other Red Sox memorabilia including Derek Lowe's jersey from Game 4, the bat used by Series MVP Manny Ramirez when he tied a postseason record with a 17-game hitting streak, and the spikes Keith Foulke wore when he recorded the final out of the Series.

The exhibit runs through the 2005 baseball season.

Schilling had surgery Nov. 9 to repair a ruptured tendon sheath on his right ankle. The injury appeared to end his season in the middle of Boston's World Series run, but team doctors, in an unprecedented procedure, made a wall of stitches in Schilling's ankle to keep the tendon in place.

Schilling, with blood seeping through his sock, won Game 6 in the AL championship series against the New York Yankees and Game 2 of the World Series.

## Lohse beats Twins in first arbitration hearing

TAMPA, Fla. — Pitcher Kyle Lohse defeated the Minnesota Twins on Friday in the first salary arbitration case of the year.

Eligible for arbitration for the first time, Lohse will get a raise from \$395,000 to \$2.4 million, arbitrators Robert Bailey, Christine Knowlton and Elliott



Houston Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt, who avoided arbitration, was 20-10 with a 3.49 ERA last season.

Shriffin made, one day after hearing the case.

Minnesota had offered \$2.15 million to the 26-year-old right-hander, who went 9-13 with a 5.34 ERA in 34 starts last season.

Tampa Bay and right-hander Travis Harper settled their case Friday, agreeing to a \$745,000, one-year contract, the midpoint between his request for \$840,000 and the team's offer of \$650,000.

Outfielder Jason Michaels and the Philadelphia Phillies, like Lohse scheduled for a hearing Thursday, instead agreed to an \$825,000, one-year contract.

Michaels, 28, hit .274 with 10 homers and 40 RBIs in 115 games with the Phillies last year while platooning in center field with Marlon Byrd. Michaels made \$335,000 last year and was eligible for arbitration for the first time. He had asked for \$925,000 in arbitration and had been offered \$650,000.

Eight players remain scheduled for hearings, including Twins pitcher Johan Santana, the AL Cy Young Award winner, and Milwaukee pitcher Ben Sheets. Hearings are scheduled through Feb. 18. All arbitration hearings this year are in Tampa.

## Brown making contribution in line of foe

NEW YORK — Kevin Brown is making a charitable contribution instead of getting fined for punching a wall and breaking a bone in his left hand last September.

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said Thursday the matter had been settled, but wouldn't go into details. Another team official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the pitcher was giving more than \$100,000 to a charity, most likely the Special Forces Warrior Foundation.

In March 2003, after David Wells published an autobiography filled with revelations of drinking, drug use and disparaging talk that the Yankees felt tarnished their image, Wells was fined \$100,000, and the Special Forces Warrior Foundation was one of three charities chosen by the team to receive the money.

blowing by Babe Ruth, and then Hank Aaron, and then turning back over a muscular shoulder on his way to home plate and whispering, "See you later, suckers!"

Whether the fans in the ballpark on that fateful day cheer or boo, or simply sit on their hands, will depend in large part on whether Bonds and Giambi and McGwire and all those other ballplayers who know the real story come clean. Right now, they've chosen silence, or else statements carefully parsed by high-priced legal help, leaving the confessionals to disreputable stoolies like Jose Canseco.

But say this much for the former Bash Brother: At least

# Giambi: Yankee's apology falls short on specifics

GIAMBI, FROM BACK PAGE

"Most of all, to the fans, I'm sorry. I know it's going to be hard, and I understand how they feel."

Only 10 days before he's scheduled to report to spring training, Giambi met with print reporters for 43 minutes, with general managers Brian Cashman, manager Joe Torre and Teller at his side. He later did another interview session for television and radio.

"If it was up to Jason, he would tell you everything," Teller said. Wearing a dark striped suit and black shirt, his face stubby with several days of beard, Giambi's skin looked red, not pale as it most of last season, when he was pelted by a parade of reporters' microphones. His weight was back up to about 235 pounds. He greeted fans outside the ballpark and signed autographs.

"It takes a hell of a big man to stand up and apologize to his teammates, to New York Yankees fans and to baseball fans everywhere and admit he was wrong," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement.

Giambi, who last year repeatedly denied using illegal steroids, is owed \$82 million from the Yankees as part of the \$120 million, seven-year contract he was given before the 2002 season.

Steinbrenner spoke with him by telephone a few weeks ago.

"The biggest thing that I told him was I wasn't a quitter," Giambi said. "I told him that I was ready to play, and I was going to be the player that he had signed."

Yankees teammate Gary Sheffield said last October he unwittingly used substances that contained steroids. He was the team's most productive hitter last season and faced less scrutiny than Giambi.

Giambi said he was pleased with the agreement between players and owners for more frequent testing for performance-enhancing drugs.

He said he had not read the San Francisco Chronicle story, which cited transcripts of his 2003

grand jury testimony, and he would not say whether the newspaper's report was accurate.

The 2000 AL MVP with Oakland, his numbers dropped in the second half of the 2003 season when he had a knee injury. He slumped to .208 with 12 homers and 40 RBIs and was never healthy last year.

The Yankees even dropped him from their postseason roster.

"I think we're all curious to see how he's going to rebound from everything he went through last year," Torre said. "He certainly looks better than he did."

Torre touted by batting orders last week and given the uncertainty, he didn't know where to slot Giambi, who could be supplanted by Tino Martinez at first base and become a designated hitter.

There was a time a couple of years ago, you put him third or fourth," Torre said. "But right now, I don't know where he fits in our lineup."

One of the few topics Giambi specifically addressed was Jose Canseco's book, which is being released next week. The New York Daily News reported Sunday that Canseco says in the book that he, Giambi and Mark McGwire shot steroids together.

"I find that delusional to be honest with you. I don't even know where he would come up with anything like that," Giambi said. "It's kind of sad that Jose is that desperate, I think, to make a name."

Cashman said the Yankees never discussed steroids with Giambi before they signed him, saying the only commitment in baseball was different then.

"Today was a step, a necessary step," Cashman said. "One of many that needs to be taken."

Cashman and Torre both wore their shiny World Series rings, an adornment noticeably absent from Giambi's fingers.

"The biggest thing I feel inside is me not even being able to play in the playoffs with my teammates," he said. "I wanted to be out there. I came here to win a World Series. I haven't got a World Series yet and I want one."

# Steroids: Time for baseball to stand up to fans, too

STEROIDS, FROM BACK PAGE

the best stuff for a tell-all book of his own. Either way, Giambi wasn't about to share any of it with the media summoned to Yankee Stadium on Thursday for his performance.

A few minutes into it, somebody asked whether Giambi, like former Oakland A's teammate Mark McGwire, would claim to have been truthful when discussing his steroid use in the past.

"I can't get into specifics," he said for the umpteenth time.

"But one thing I'll tell you is when I went in front of the grand jury, I told the truth."

Smart man.

But lying to the public has con-

sequences, too, as baseball may find out. The rest of us are already resigned to the fact that the last 15 years of baseball have been juiced; what we need to know now is how juiced? We can make our own decisions from there.

Everyone inside the game is always boasting about its continuity, and about how the chance to compare ballplayers and their numbers from different eras links one generation to the next.

But the dizzying number of home-run trots lately is about to turn the century-plus traditions into a joke.

Just imagine Barry Bonds, the poster boy for this super-sized era,

Canseco tried to put the problem in perspective. Until further notice, from prosecutors, or until somebody with credibility inside the game steps up and does the same, Canseco's estimate — and a few others' — that 50 percent of major leaguers were juiced doesn't sound so far-fetched. Especially not at the top of the game.

It needs to be said that Giambi is far from the first, or even the worst offender in the game, and at least he knew better than to trot out the "I thought it was flaxseed oil — whatever, dude" defense.

He has plenty to lose, apparently, by telling the truth. No sooner

did news of his testimony break in December than the Yankees began exploring ways to break off the remaining four years and \$82 million on Giambi's contract. Admitting his steroid use now would be like handing the ballclub a crow bar.

So don't expect anything different from anybody else caught up in this widening mess. They're all in the same boat, and you know what they say about loose lips.

But if it's any consolation, they're sorry.

So are we all.

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# Roddick, Agassi advance to SAP quarterfinals

The Associated Press

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** — Andy Roddick withstood an admirable effort from an opponent determined to slug away at the American's booming serve.

The top-seeded Roddick went the distance to reach the SAP Open quarterfinals, beating South Korean Lee Hyung-taik 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 on Thursday night behind 17 aces.

"I'm not going to sit here and lie to you guys and say I'm feeling great," Roddick said. "I've been marginal. I'm just going to keep battling. I'm kind of down, but I'm still in the tournament. I know 24 other guys who would like to sit here."

Second-seeded Andre Agassi also moved into Friday's quarterfinals with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Kenneth Carlsen earlier Thursday.

Agassi overcame a slow start to defeat Carlsen to advance to the quarterfinals of the event for the 12th time in 13 appearances.

Aside from one hiccup on his record, Agassi is playing solid tennis so far in 2005.

Seeded second and ranked 10th in the world, Agassi beat Carlsen for the third time in 6-1 with many meetings to improve to 6-1 this

season. But it took the 34-year-old American some time to get comfortable against the left-handed and his slicing groundstrokes.

Agassi began attacking Carlsen's backhand, late in the first set, and the strategy eventually wore down the 31-year-old Dane.

## Tainted soccer referee encouraged player to dive

**FRANKFURT, Germany** — The referee at the center of Germany's game-fixing scandal encouraged a player to fake a foul and earn a penalty kick during a game rigged by the official.

Referee Robert Hoyzer told Paderborn captain Tills Waterink, "Come on, do something" during a German Cup game in August, according to Hoyzer's statement to Berlin prosecutors that was read during a hearing Friday before the German soccer federation.

Waterink fell and third-division Paderborn was awarded one of two penalty kicks by Hoyzer, helping the team rally from a two-goal deficit to beat first-division Hamburger SV 4-2.

Hoyzer didn't attend Friday's hearing, which was to listen to Hamburg's request to have the game replayed. The team later said it was withdrawing its appeal.

Hoyzer has admitted that the German Cup game was one of

four games in which Croatian gamblers paid him to fix. His attempts to manipulate two other games failed, and in one game his help was unnecessary.

## Telfair unclear if he Tech bribe was a joke

**ATLANTA** — Portland Trail Blazers rookie Sebastian Telfair said Thursday he was offered money during recruiting by someone who claimed to represent Georgia Tech, but wonders now if it just a hoax.

Telfair issued a statement through his agent, Andy Miller, which elaborated on the allegations made in a book that a Georgia Tech supporter offered the point guard \$250,000.

Yellow Jackets coach Paul Hewitt and Telfair denied the claims on Wednesday. On Thursday, the player put a slightly different spin on the alleged incident.

"I was approached by a man who claimed to be associated with the Georgia Tech program and offered money. I dismissed the offer," Telfair said in the statement. "I've never had contact with coach Hewitt or anyone with the Georgia Tech program regarding this incident, nor was I ever approached by anyone or offered anything at any other time. To this day, I'm not sure if it was a joke."

Telfair committed to Louisville but wound up skipping college.

## Eagles tag DT Simon

**PHILADELPHIA** — The Philadelphia Eagles placed the franchise tag on former Pro Bowl defensive tackle Corey Simon on Thursday.

Simon had 24 tackles and 5½ sacks this season, and is scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent on March 2.

The Eagles would have seven days to match any offer made to Simon, a Pro Bowler last year after leading the team with 7½ sacks.

If Philadelphia declines to match the offer, the Eagles would receive two first-round draft picks as compensation.

Unless he re-signs to a long-term contract, Simon would play next season under a one-year deal for the average of the five highest-paid players at his position.

"Corey's a good player, and his personality fits very well in our locker room," coach Andy Reid said in a statement. "He's a talented player against the pass and against the run. We're happy to take this step to keep him in Philadelphia."

The Eagles, with about \$18 million under the salary cap for next year, have several players from this year's Super Bowl who could leave via free agency, most notably Pro Bowl middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter. Guard

Jermame Mayberry, defensive end Derrick Burgess and tight end Chad Lewis are also unrestricted free agents, while running back Brian Westbrook is a restricted free agent.

Simon was the Eagles top pick (sixth overall) in 2000. He has 32 sacks in his five-year career and set the Eagles' rookie record with 9½ sacks.

## Raiders hire Millard

**ALAMEDA, Calif.** — Keith Millard was hired to be the Oakland Raiders' assistant defensive line coach Thursday, leaving the Denver Broncos to work for their AFC West rivals.

Millard, a former All-Pro defensive lineman for the Minnesota Vikings, will be Sam Clancy's assistant with the Raiders. Millard had been the Broncos' defensive line coach for four seasons.

## Eagles' Thomas to miss Pro Bowl, replaced by Adams

**HONOLULU** — Philadelphia offensive tackle Tra Thomas dropped out of the Pro Bowl with a back injury Thursday, and Dallas' Flozell Adams replaced him on the NFL roster.

Adams, a seven-year veteran, will make his second trip to the Pro Bowl after starting last season's game. He'll join four Dallas teammates in Hawaii: guard Larry Allen, defensive tackle La'Roi Glover, safety Roy Williams and tight end Jason Witten.

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# Olson wins 300th Pac-10 game

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lute Olson tried to downplay his latest coaching milestones.

"It means I've been able to keep my job a long time," the 70-year-old Arizona coach said. "We've had a good team and great guys in the program."

Olson joined UCLA's John Wooden as the only Pac-10 coaches to win 300 conference games and Arizona reached 20 victories for the 18th straight season with an 88-76 victory at Southern Cal-

ifornia on Thursday night. Olson is 300-86 in Pac-10 play,

while Wooden guided UCLA to a 304-74 conference mark before retiring in 1975. Olson can get his 301st conference win Saturday against the Bruins at Pauley Pavilion, where the 94-year-old Wooden is usually in attendance.

The Wildcats (20-4, 10-2) have won 17 of 19.

"When I first got there 22 years ago, I said I wanted to build a program, not a team," said Olson, who has a 539-61 record in 700 career games at Arizona.

Olson's teams have won 20 or more games in 27 of his 32 years as a college coach, tying him with Texas Tech's Bob Knight and Syracuse's Jim Boeheim for second in NCAA history behind the 30 of North Carolina's Dean Smith. Olson is 731-253 overall at Long Beach State, Iowa and Arizona.

Salim Stoudamire scored 16 of his 26 points in the first half for Arizona. He was 5-for-7 from three-point range and 9-for-14 overall.



Arizona's Ivan Radenovic comes up with a loose ball after a scrap with USC's Nick Curtis during Thursday night's game. Arizona won 88-76.

"I appreciate having Lute as my coach," Stoudamire said. "He's taught me so many things over the years. Only one other coach has gotten 300 (conference) wins, and that's Coach Wooden. So that's a great accomplishment."

Channing Frye added 14

points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots for Arizona.

Freshman Gabe Pruitt led Southern California (9-14, 2-10) with 21 points and five assists, and freshman Nick Young added 18 points.

"We got beat by a better team," USC coach Jim Saia said. "Con-

gratulations to Lute. He's one of the giants of our game."

**No. 6 Wake Forest 86, N.C. State 75:** At Winston-Salem, Justin Gray scored 18 points to help Wake Forest (20-3, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) move into a first-place tie with Duke and North Carolina.

Eric Williams added 15 points, and sixth-man Taron Doney was 4-for-4 on three-pointers and finished with 14 points. Julius Hodge had 27 points for the Wolf-pack (13-10, 3-7).

**No. 11 Washington 95, Oregon 88 (OT):** At Eugene, Ore., Will Conroy scored 17 points for Washington, including a three-pointer that sent the game into overtime.

Nate Robinson led the Huskies (20-3, 10-2 Pac-10) with 24 points. Jordan Kent had 19 points and 16 rebounds for Oregon (11-9, 3-8).

**No. 14 Gonzaga 82, Pepperdine 75:** At Malibu, Calif., Ronny Turiaf had 20 points and Adam Morrison had 19 to lift Gonzaga (18-4, 8-2) into first place in the West Coast Conference, a half-game ahead of Saint Mary's. Yakhoubia Diawara had 24 for Pepperdine (13-12, 3-7).

**No. 21 Cincinnati 65, Xavier 54:** At Cincinnati, Eric Hicks scored 16 points and Jason Mack added 15 to help the Bearcats (18-5) beat Xavier for only the third time in their last nine meetings of the city rivals.

**No. 24 Pacific 78, Idaho 56:** At Moscow, Idaho, David Dooler scored 21 points to lead the Vandals (19-2, 13-0 Big West) to its 15th straight victory overall and 26th straight in the conference.

# Kostelic overcomes illness to claim gold

BY ERICA BULMAN

The Associated Press

SANTA CATERINA VALFURVA, Italy — Croatia's Janica Kostelic left her sick bed to win the slalom gold medal Friday and become the first woman in 23 years to win three titles in the Alpine World Ski Championships.

Kostelic, forced to skip the giant slalom earlier this week because of a high fever and cough, was third after the opening leg, then delivered an amazing second run to retain her title from 2003 in a combined time of 1 minute, 47.98 seconds.

"I am feeling very poorly," said Kostelic, who doubled over in the finish area gasping for breath after her final effort and wiping her forehead with snow before being helped off by team officials. "I'm ill and want only to go to bed. I have no more strength."

"Before my run I tried to eat as much chocolate as possible in order to refuel my energy. I'm lucky. Thanks to my brother, Ivica, who gave me courage."

Kostelic added the slalom title to those from the downhill and combined event last week.

The last woman to win three gold medals in a world championships was Switzerland's Erika Hesse, who won the slalom, giant



American skier Resi Stiegler, her trademark fuzzy cat ears on her helmet, exults in a sixth-place finish in Friday's women's slalom.

slalom and combined titles in Schladming, Austria in 1982.

Kostelic also collected triple gold in the 2002 Winter Olympics, winning the slalom, giant slalom and combined.

Tanja Poutiainen, this season's World Cup slalom champion and the leader after the opening leg, struggled to find a clean line on her final run down and settled for her second silver of the championships in 1-48.16.

Kostelic had the advantage over Poutiainen as her coach and father, Ante Kostelic, was the designated course setter for the second leg under rules that rotate the job among coaches from race to race. American coach Trevor Wagner set the gates for the first leg.

"The second run was a very heavy course, and I couldn't find my rhythm," Poutiainen said. "On the whole I am content, although I was disappointed at first that I didn't win gold."

The 24-year-old Poutiainen is the first Finn to win an Alpine World Cup season title and, with her silver medal behind Sweden's Anja Paerson in the giant slalom on Tuesday, is the first to win an alpine world championship medal.

Poutiainen slept with her skis in her room following a break-in at the Finnish ski team's hotel in Santa Caterina, where Paerson's waxing technician, Slavo Mulej, is also staying.

Two intruders were interrupted at 3:30 a.m. by a desk clerk in-

vestigating a noise. The would-be thieves got away but did so empty-handed.

Czech dark horse Sarka Zahrobka celebrated her 20th birthday with a surprise bronze medal, crossing in 1:48.65 for the nation's first-ever world championship medal.

"I cannot find the words to describe this bronze," Zahrobka said. "I am proud also for my country. I celebrate my 20th birthday in the best possible way."

Zahrobka posted the fastest second run in Tuesday's giant slalom to end up 10th, her best career result in that discipline.

Paerson, second in the opening leg Friday, skied off course during her second trip down the slope. The Swede was feeling unwell, hit by the bug that has felled Kostelic and several other skiers in the championships.

Americans swept places 6-8. Resi Stiegler, with her trademark kitty ears glued onto her helmet, was sixth in 1:49.27, followed by Sarah Schleper in 1:49.29 double bronze medalist Julia Mancuso in 1:49.30.

Two other Croats finishing in the top 10, with Ana Jelusic crossing in ninth in 1:49.33 and Nika Fleiss finishing 10th in 1:49.99.

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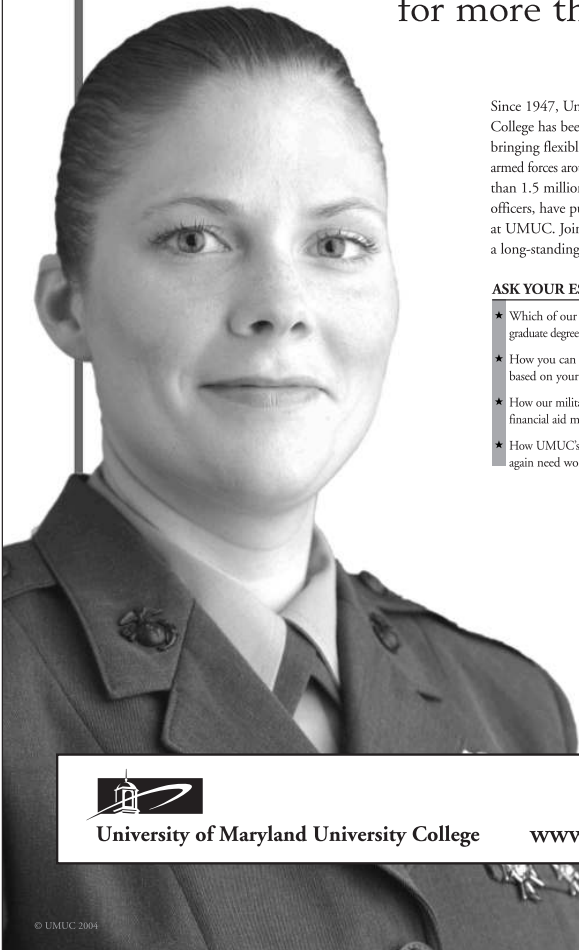
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# Kadena wrestlers extend win streak over Kubasaki

BY DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Though Steve Schrock and his Kadena Panthers wrestlers completed their second straight regular-season sweep over Kubasaki on Friday, the coach said he realizes that nothing lasts forever.

"If you're in sports long enough, you learn that what goes around comes around," Schrock said moments after Kadena defeated Kubasaki 33-22 in an Okinawa Activities Council dual meet.

There were seven technical falls in 11 bouts, and the teams split two walkover victories.

No bout loomed bigger than a pinfall victory by Kadena's Chase Park, wrestling for the first time this season with the varsity at 138 pounds. Park concluded a back-and-forth battle with Jason Paul of Kubasaki in 5:00.

Schrock confessed to worry before the dual meet, having adjusted his lineup by moving Andrew Satterlee and Devon Copeland up one weight class each, to 168 and 180, and doing without regular 122-pounder Jake Bloom due to injury.

"We had to wrestle the best we could wrestle," Schrock said. "Everybody stepped up. I'm proud of them."

Matt Maza (122) and Jack Abate (101) scored superior decisions, sandwiching a pin by Cameron Daugherty (108) as Kubasaki roared ahead 13-4 after the first four bouts.

Pins by Brandon McCullough (129) and Austin Copeland (141) and a technical fall by Brenden Stanford (135) sparked the Kadena rally. Kubasaki's



DAVE ORNAUER, Stars and Stripes

Austin Copeland, top, of Kadena wraps up Willie Stroud of Kubasaki during Friday's 141-pound bout. Copeland pinned Stroud in 1 minute, 40 seconds and Kadena won the dual meet 33-22.

Steve Courtney earned a superior decision, but Park, Satterlee and Devon Copeland secured the victory, the latter two with technical falls.

Kadena has defeated Kubasaki in six straight regular-season meets. Prior to that streak, Kubasaki, which has won a record 18 Far East High School Wrestling Tournament team titles, had beaten Kadena in 90 of 91 dual meets dating back to 1982.

Even with the pendulum swinging in Kadena's favor, Schrock refuses to take anything for granted with the Far East tournament looming next week at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Kubasaki edged Kadena 28-26 in last year's dual-meet portion of the event.

"They have good coaching," Schrock said of Kubasaki, led by Terry Chumley and assistant Bobby Duncan. "And the kids are just fighters. Good coaching and kids who don't quit ... won't make winning easy."

Thus, at some point, Schrock knows that the law of averages will catch up with Kadena. "It will cycle back and we'll have our hands full, especially with Terry and Bobby over there," he said.

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## Local scoreboard

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Okinawa wrestling  
Friday's results

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101 pounds: Jack Abate, Kadena, superior decision; Chris Hoshaw, 10-5, 2:27

108 Cameron Daugherty, Kubasaki, pinned

Jack Abate, 12-1, 1:00

115-Chris Ellis, Kadena, superior decision; John Hamelling, 15-0, 6:00

122-Matt Maza, Kadena, superior decision; John Hamelling, 15-0, 6:00

129-Brandon McCullough, Kadena, pinned

C.1, 1:24, 1:21

135-Brenden Stanford, Kadena, superior decision; Justin Villanueva, 13-5, 3:35

141-Austin Copeland, Kadena, pinned Willie Stroud, 1:40

146-Steve Courtney, Kubasaki, superior decision; Ian Copeland, 12-1, 4:44

158-Chase Park, Kadena, pinned Jason Paul, 5:00

168-Andrew Satterlee, Kadena, superior decision; Kris Martinez, 12-4, 6:00

180-Devon Copeland, Kadena, superior decision; David Miller, 10-5, 4:00

215-Grady Pennell, Kadena, by walkover

Heavyweight: Paul Hascher, Kubasaki, by walkover

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Mathieu 19 (all second half, 13 fourth quarter), Kimi Ogas 14 (12 second half, Kelly Robinson 14 (all first half), Jade Belton 14, Erin Foster 13, Orkio, Natsuki Ishihara 13, Yuka Shoji 11, Chika Kina 11, three three-point goals; leading scorers: Kadena, Kelly Robinson 17

Christian Academy in Japan 66, Kadena American 31

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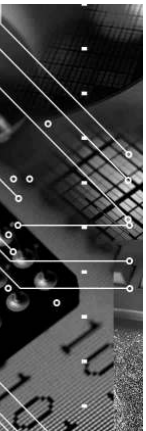
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## Steroids have put baseball in sorry state

Jason Giambi is sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. So sorry, that he'd already apologized five times in five minutes to TV reporters before somebody had the good sense to ask him exactly what he was apologizing for. "I'm sorry," Giambi began, "that I can't get into bigger specifics for you guys and hopefully, someday I will. Because of the legal issues that are going on, you know, it would be a lot easier. But I hope everybody understands this is the position I'm in."

Jim Litke



I'm trying to do the best I can and say 'I'm sorry. That's the best I can do and, he added, probably sensing that he was close to a personal best, "I apologize for that."

Rarely has so much contrition yielded so little information — and even less responsibility. But that's the sorry state Major League Baseball finds itself in a week before pitchers and catchers report. Nobody still knows nothin'. Everybody is still sorry. You'd hear the same story eavesdropping at Tony Soprano's "Bada-Bing" club any afternoon.

So go ahead, throw all those spring-training previews back in a drawer. The real suspense this season won't be whether the Red Sox or Yankees added how many price new pieces to win the World Series.

It will be whether anybody inside baseball can muster the courage to answer the question that is shredding the game's credibility. And the only place people are even working on it is the federal prosecutor's office in San Francisco.

That office is just down the road from the now-infamous BALCO Lab, where a raid by investigators in September 2003 lifted the lid on the worst-kept secret in baseball. It's even closer to the grand jury room that Giambi strolled into one morning last winter and unburdened himself of most of what he knew about steroids. There were plenty of sordid details, according to testimony leaked to newspapers, but who knows? He might be holding back



New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, who reportedly told a grand jury that he used steroids for at least three seasons, said he was sorry five times at a news conference on Thursday, but he didn't say why.

## Giambi apologizes — but won't say 'S' word

Yankees 1B's first public comments since leak of his grand jury testimony contain no mention of steroids

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Giambi is sorry. He just won't say for what.

The All-Star first baseman twiddled his thumbs, crossed his legs and fidgeted in his chair when he came to Yankee Stadium on Thursday to make his first public comments since it was reported in December that he told a federal grand jury he took steroids for at least three seasons.

"When I went into that grand jury, I told the truth," he said.

He said he was sorry five times. He apologized three times. To the New York Yankees. To his teammates. To the fans.

But he never said why. And he never talked about using steroids, never mentioned the word.

"I know the fans might want more, but at this present time because of all the legal matters, I can't get into specifics," he said. "Someday, hopefully, I will be able to."

Said his agent, Aron Tellem: "The answers are there if you look for them."

On this day, though, Giambi wasn't telling all.

"There's been a lot of distraction, definitely, over the last year, and I'm sorry for that, I really am," Giambi said. "I feel I let down the fans, I feel I let down the Yankees, not only the Yankees, but my teammates."

"I accept full responsibility for that," he went on. "I'm sorry, but I'm trying to go forward now."

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Jason Giambi

Yankees first baseman

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